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GERMAN RED CROSS GIFT ARRIVING IN H.K. TO-MORROW

Berlin, To-day.

A gift of first-aid equipment made up by the German Red Cross in response to the appeal made by the Chinese Government, will arrive in Hong Kong on board the Norddeutscher Lloyd liner "Scharnhorst" to-morrow (Thursday).

The equipment will be placed at the disposal of the Chinese Red Cross for distribution where it is most needed.

For carrying out this plan, two German doctors, one of whom is the son of the German Ambassador in Hankow, Dr. Trautmann, and two first aid assistants, have been sent by the Government.

The German gift, which has a gross weight of 200 tons, is intended primarily to satisfy the needs of the civilian population as far as suffering from epidemics is concerned.

AGAINST DISEASE

For this reason the consignment consists chiefly of medical preparations used against tropical disease, such as malaria and dysentery, and anti-lockjaw serum and vaccines against cholera and typhus.

Besides these, the consignment contains bandages material, surgical instruments and other medical equipment.

The German Red Cross hopes by this means to make an essential contribution towards alleviating the suffering of the Chinese people from epidemic diseases.—Trans-Ocean.

ANGLO-EIRE TALKS IN BETTER MOOD

London, To-day.

That the Anglo-Eire negotiations have taken a sudden favourable turn is confirmed, in well-informed circles, the general opinion being that not only will a trade agreement be arrived at but also an understanding on the question of defence.—Trans-Ocean.

ARMY TO TAKE STEPS TO "REMEDY" BORDER SITUATION

Tokyo, To-day.

Not a little surprise, mixed with some apprehension, has been caused by a somewhat bellicose statement made in the Diet this morning by the Vice-Minister for War, General Kato.

General Kato's statement referred to the Island of Saghalien, where, he declared, the Japanese army is to take action to "remedy the situation" on the Japan-Soviet border.

Mr. Kato did not divulge the nature of this "action," announcement of which, however, has resulted in much conjecture, some of it of an alarmist nature.

Saghalien Island, on the west side of the Sea of Okhotsk, is divided between the Soviet and Japan by a recognised boundary line.

Though there is no dispute over the boundary, there have been "incidents" in the past few months, which have resulted in strengthening of the troops stationed on both sides of the border.

Army circles profess ignorance of the "action" threatened by General Kato, but in political quarters anxiety is expressed over the possibility of the Army attempting a dramatic coup at a time when the Soviet has its hands full with internal troubles.—Our Own Correspondent and Reuter.

It will be the first missionary activity allowed by the Japanese in territory occupied by their forces since the outbreak of hostilities.—Trans-Ocean.

MISSIONARIES TO AID OF FOREIGNERS IN HANGCHOW

Shanghai, To-day.

Two American missionaries left Shanghai yesterday to accompany a motorlorry carrying a supply of provisions for about forty foreigners who have stayed on in Hangchow.

In Hangchow the two missionaries will pick up hospital nurses who remained in the city and will then proceed to Huchow, on the south side of Lake Tai, where they intend to reopen the missionary hospital.

Permission to carry out this expedition was obtained from the Japanese authorities in Shanghai.

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LORD TENNYSON MAY PLAY IN HONG KONG

Lord Tennyson, hero of many a stirring encounter on the cricket field, may play in Hong Kong.

Arriving this morning on board the luxury liner, Empress of Britain, Lord Tennyson said that if a game could be fixed up between a local club and a side from the "Britain," he would very much like to play. "The ship are very keen on getting a game," he added.

"I played for a ship in Colombo and had an enjoyable innings—83 out of 98."

AUSTRALIA'S TEAM

"A good side but I feel that Grimmett should have been included," he said, when asked to comment on the Australian Test side recently selected to tour England. "I also thought that Oldfield might have been included." (Continued on Page 23)

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Through The Fashion Editor's Window

An Interesting Code For Living

by Ursula Jeffries

That happiness can be yours if you know your three L's is the substance of an interesting code for living given out by psychologist and author, Dr. William Moulton Marston.

Dr. Marston who is famed as the inventor of the "lie detector," has for years been a consulting psychologist and a professor at various universities in the United States, including Columbia. Now he has evolved the "triangle of happiness"—live, love and laugh, which is guaranteed to solve the riddle that irks stenographer and king: how to make the most out of life, now that you're here. In other words, how to be happy.

By a study of his mathematical formula, Dr. Marston maintains that anyone, and that includes you, can start finding their own path to happiness. He lays down a few rules for everyone who wants to achieve a perfect life, and for a start off this is that you must do.

LIVING

Draw a triangle. Put an L on each corner of it, and evaluate your living, laughing and loving by these standards:

Take living first and ask yourself: "Am I doing what I like to do?" Make a list of all your likes and dislikes and put down the most petty things, for they are significant of something fundamental. Then analyse what is behind each desire. Supposing you are a woman who likes housework. That indicates that you enjoy order and neatness, according to Dr. Marston. "A" woman who likes housework,"



The Healthy Infant

The healthy infant needs no medicine, and fortunate indeed are the parents of such a child. Yet, in spite of loving care and attention, almost every child at some time or other is affected by one of the many minor health troubles of childhood. He may be constipated, or his digestion be upset through over-feeding, resulting in "wind", colic, and perhaps diarrhoea in a mild form, he may be feverish, show signs of a cold, or if unduly irritable worms may be his trouble.

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he explains, "would be good at anything requiring immediate results, cleaning up a situation."

Which brings us to the next step. Find out how your likes can be expressed. The psychologist commands everyone to do what they like for that way lies success, he says. Money, fame, power, whatever it is you want, necessarily follows because you do best what you find pleasure in doing. Don't pay any attention to the puritanical notion that you must force yourself to do something, particularly if you have an aversion for it. It's passe. And don't be afraid to jump from one task to another while trying to find what you like. An attack of stick-to-it-iveness is fine in its place; but if you are working at something you like, you won't always have that do-or-die attitude toward it.

Now tackle your list of dislikes. Disagreeable things are bound to creep into the nicest job, and here Dr. Marston issues a warning. Don't try to escape from them, nor ride over them. It is far better to recognise them, analyse them, and then try to guide them into a channel of expression.

If you find you haven't been living at all, just existing, you had better alter one side of your triangle—for the time being!

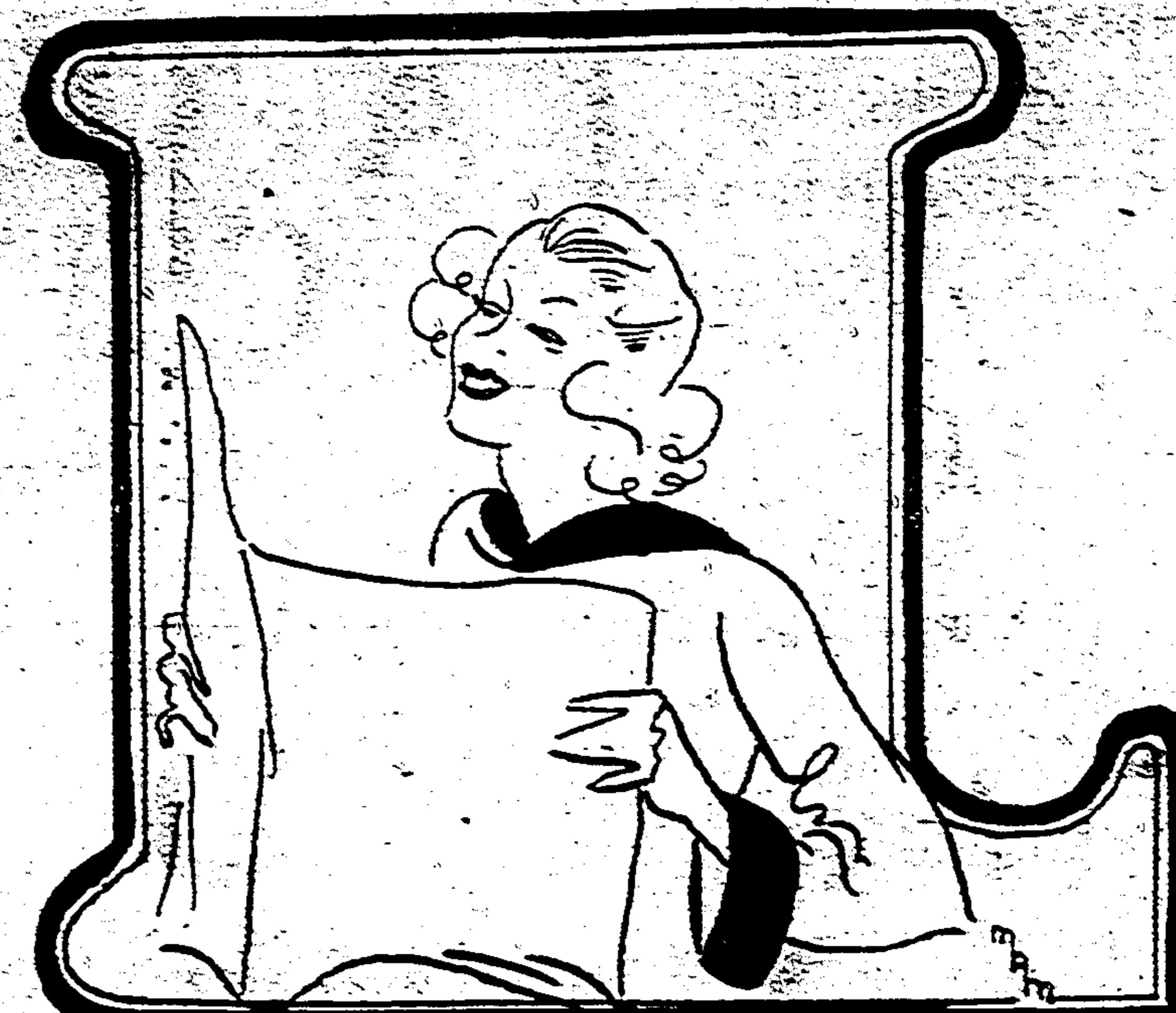
LAUGHTER AND LOVE

Few people can qualify in laughter. It isn't enough to say "Ha-ha," or read the comic strips with a face like the Rock of Gibraltar. Can you laugh at your own failures, that's the point! The essence of laughter, as defined by Dr. Marston, is change. When you feel defeated, can you climb up on a hilltop and see your own incongruities? You may find that sense of incongruity by standing on your head, reading Schopenhauer or seeing the Marx Brothers.

Finally, love. Dr. Marston not only advises it, but to those who wail "I haven't time," he points the accusing finger. "That is one very important reason why 94 per cent of the people in America are not happy in love," he says. That is his estimate made after a long survey of more than a thousand cases, and he puts it down to the fact that present day people care more for success than anything else.

The right sort of love is giving, not taking. If you give because you want to, hoping for something in return—your own happiness, money, gifts, prestige, anything—your love won't work. But if you give, thinking solely of the other person's needs and likes you will make the other person, and yourself, happy. Try it out at breakfast, he suggests. You hate grapefruit, but your partner enjoys it utterly. Make yourself like grapefruit, and discover that it gives you both pleasure.

Now how does your triangle look? Do the sides balance? Or is the triangle lopsided. If it is, you know what to do about it. Start learning your three L's!



It isn't enough to say "Ha-ha" or read the comic strips.

RABBIT SKIN 'PUFFS' TO MAKE AN OLD FOWL TENDER

Next time you powder your nose, girls, if you want to make up in the height of fashion you must do it with a puff of softest white rabbit skin.

One day a beauty expert visited a rabbit farm. As she stroked the silky pelt of the champion white rabbit, she had an idea.

How soft and silky a rabbit skin puff would be.

Then she remembered that the first powder puff of all was made of a rabbit's foot. Now the new puffs are on the market.

I saw them recently at the Show of Furry Pets at the Dorland Hall, London.

Attractive Mrs. Jack Arney, who has a rabbit farm at Cheltenham, told me: "These puffs last for ever. You can wash them and use them indefinitely. And they are so soft."

Rabbit-skin puffs are not the only novelty at the Furry Pets' Show. Members of the National Mouse Club, anxious to prove that their pets are useful too, proudly showed coats and hand-bags made of mouse skin.

Rabbits in the show include silver, orange, blue, lilac, black and buff, saving the necessity of dyeing the wool.

Within sight of them are evening wraps, coats, gloves and other garments.

SPRING ITEMS for your new outfit

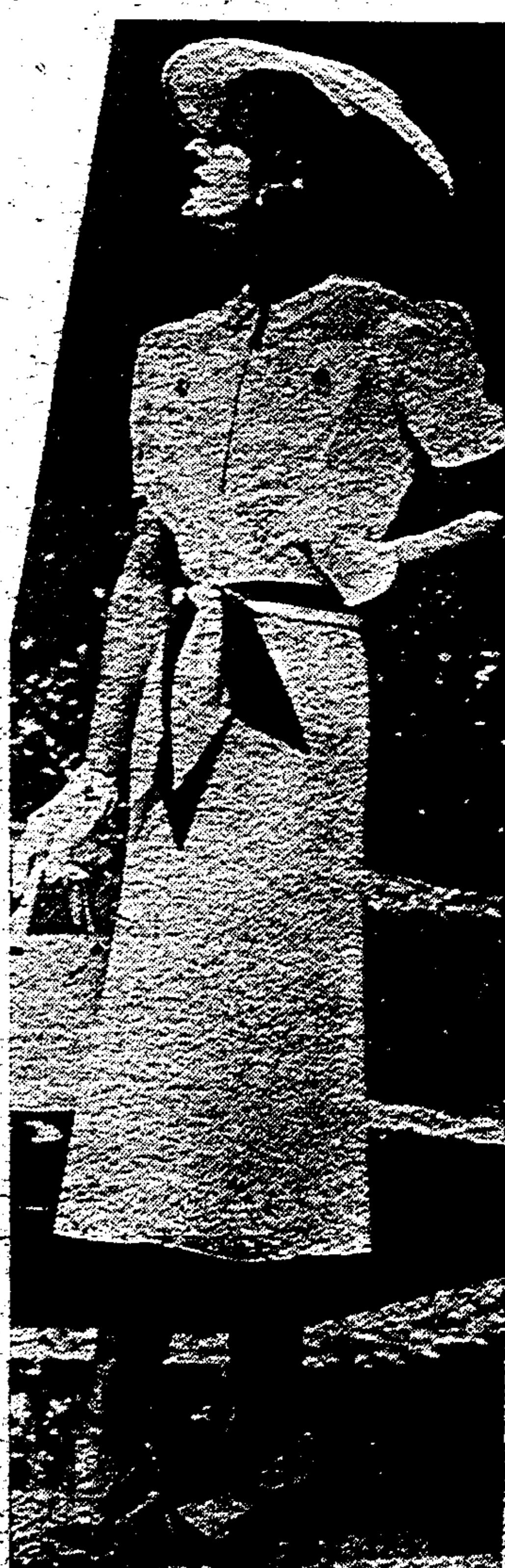
Three little animal clips on the edge of the lapel of your new spring jacket—or on the breast pocket.

A tiny posy of multi-coloured felt flowers swinging on a footlength chain from the lapel buttonhole on a plain black coat.

Little compartments on your breast pocket like cartridge holders, each holding a tiny spray of spring flowers.

Cut out a green felt clover and embroider a tiny ladybird realistically in the centre—then pin it on your dark blue or black jacket. Or if you don't like insects, stick a red quill through the lapel.

As a variation from wearing your heart on your sleeve, you can now sport it on your lapel in the form of a locket-brooch. Heart is of red painted wood with a "front door" opening for your loved-one's photograph.



WHITE AND COLOUR. White dresses accented with colour are classics for sports wear. Here this popular effect is developed in a simple shirtwaist dress in a firm twill surface fabric. The breast pockets are trimmed with bright buttons to match the sash—the contrast colour being repeated in the plastic slide fastener that closes the front of the high-necked bodice.

IF THIS HAS
HAPPENED TO YOU
DON'T DESPAIR

With faces, as with homes, dirt is one of the chief enemies. Sometimes it seems as though one's face would never look thoroughly clean again, so penetrating are the dust and smoke of cities. Complexions become muddy, and lose whatever clear radiance they managed to have before:

If this has happened to you, don't despair. Ordinary methods may fail to make the skin really clean-looking, but a giant clean-up will leave your complexion as fresh and smooth as a baby's.

Start by protecting your hair with a clean strip of material. Then dip a pad of cotton wool into cold cream and cleanse your face in the usual way.

After you have wiped off the cold cream, apply another layer and massage your face gently for ten minutes. Use the tips of the middle fingers only, and work with a gentle rotary movement round the nose and mouth, an upward movement on the rest of the cheeks, and a firmer pressure, from the centre outwards, across the forehead.

The point of continuing with this massage for at least ten minutes is that it stimulates the sluggish circulation, brings the blood to the surface, and refines the texture of the skin. Incidentally, one of the main causes of open pores is sluggish circulation, so if you are troubled with them, this treatment will help a lot.

After the massage, wipe off any surplus cream with a pad of cotton wool. You will be surprised at the amount of dirt that comes off—and you thought your face was clean!

Soap And Water—

Next comes a soap and water wash, but not the ordinary quick wash you probably have every day. This special wash involves the use of a shaving brush, so beg, borrow, or steal a nice soft one. You might like, too, to use a mild shaving soap, as it foams so generously and makes a penetrating lather.

With the shaving brush, work the lather into every little nook and cranny of your face, particularly round the nose and chin where pores are apt to get clogged, and right up into the roots of the hair.

Take your time over it, because here again, you are stimulating circulation and benefiting the skin. Don't use very hot water—lukewarm is best.

When you have finished, rinse thoroughly in several changes of warm water, pat dry with a soft towel, and you are ready for the next step, which is a pack.

Face Packs

What pack you use depends on your age and type of skin. A young girl with a good skin should use only a very mild, freshening pack, whereas an older woman with many lines can use something stronger. If your skin is sensitive don't use anything too astringent, and don't leave on any pack too long.

A very simple pack which suits most skins is made by mixing fine toilet oatmeal with either milk or skin tonic. Smooth this over the whole face, working it in with the finger-tips. Leave on for about ten minutes, then wash it off with warm water.

Stronger packs are made by mixing toilet oatmeal or almond meal with white of egg. The egg is astringent and has the effect of smoothing out lines and

making the skin look younger, but don't expect the result to last for ever!

When you have finished with your pack remove it with warm water, splash the face with cold water, dry carefully, and look in the glass.

Internal Cleanliness
With the expenditure of about

half an hour in time and less than a dollar in money, there you are with what looks almost like a new complexion, clean and glowing and alive. If you want to keep it that way, repeat the treatment once a week, and look after that inside cleanliness, too.

The amount of fruit and green

are excellent. Make them minister to your health and good looks. Before you go to bed at night, put some sultanas or seeded raisins in a glass and cover them with freshly-squeezed orange juice. Place this glass by your bed, and drink it first thing in the morning, when you wake. It tastes delicious, and is very good deal to do with your skin. Oranges, for "the worker."

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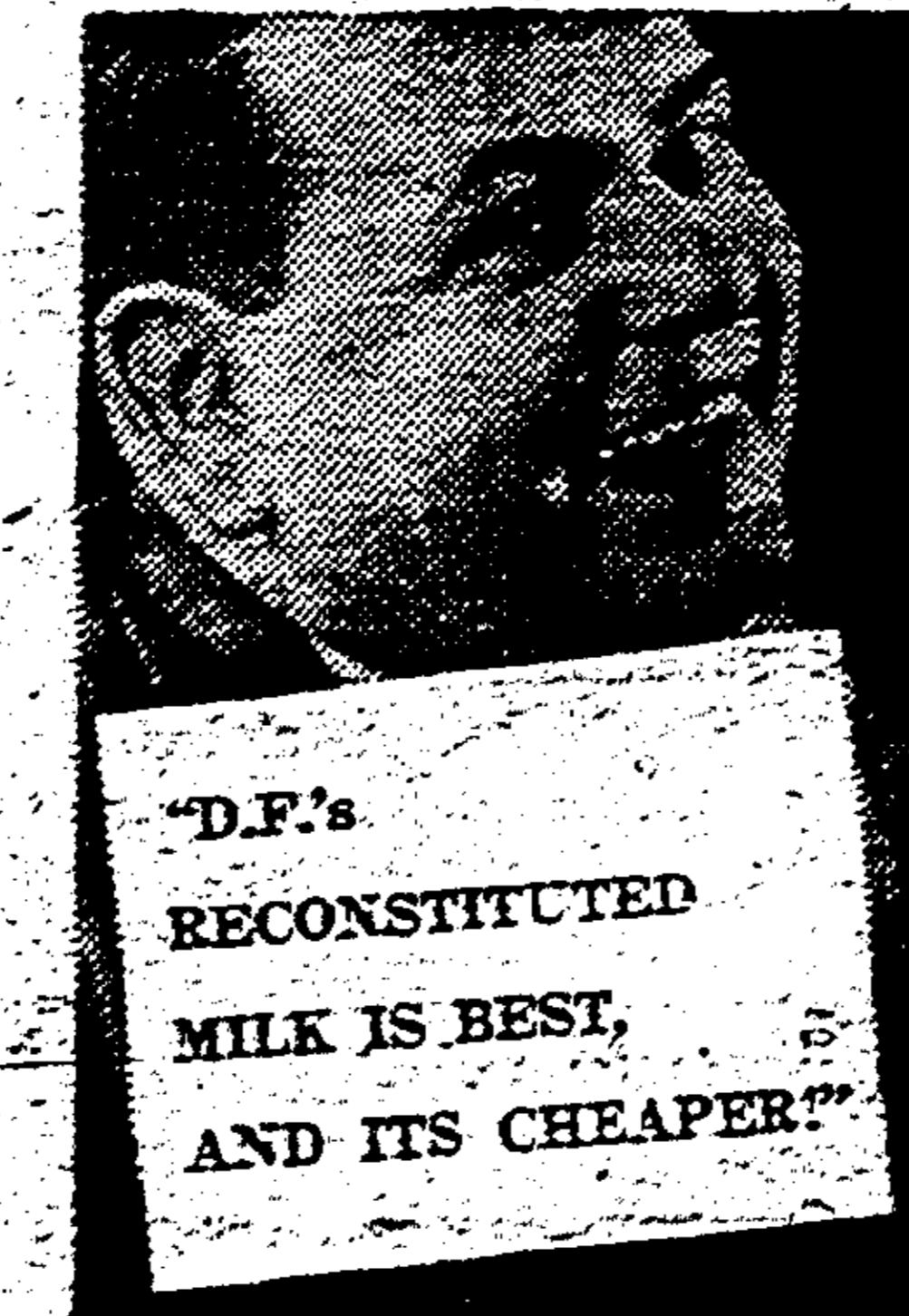
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DOLLAR NOTES AND DISEASE

Sir.—The local Authorities, in particular that of the One Dollar notes issued by the Hong Kong Government, are crying to heaven, but what is being done to replace these germ carriers by new issues? Evidently nothing, until everybody has become sick of it.

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Cadman Committee's Criticisms Of Imperial Airways

London, To-day.

The Government has decided to adopt the recommendation, contained in the Cadman Report, that a Permanent Under-Secretary for Air shall be appointed who will exercise general administrative direction of civil aviation affairs.

A Deputy Director-General of Civil Aviation will be added and a Director of Civil Research and Production appointed.

The Government has not yet finally decided whether to adopt the recommendation that an additional parliamentary under-secretary, solely concerned with civil aviation, shall be appointed, but they are prepared to recommend an increase in subsidies of air transport companies from £1,500,000 to £3,000,000.

Decisions between competing mining the allocation of increased projects should be governed by two main considerations:

Firstly, the importance of maintaining and developing the Empire routes.

Secondly, the importance of selecting routes which will afford opportunities for substantial traffic and postal revenue, and where important British commercial interests are concerned.

MAIN PRINCIPLE

A number of the committee's recommendations are based on the principle that British external air transport should be concentrated in a number of well-founded and substantial organisations, and that the same external route should not be operated by more than one British company.

They recommend that Imperial Airways concern themselves primarily with development of Empire air services, but that the title associated with "short haul" services to France and to Italy and the flyingboat services to Greece via Italy should be recognised.

The London-Paris terminal service should be operated by an amalgamation of Imperial Airways and British Airways on this route.

British Airways should develop other air services in Europe.

The Government accepts these recommendations, and both Imperial Airways and British Airways are willing to accept them.

IMMEDIATE REFORM

The committee recommends that serious defects in the management of Imperial Airways require immediate reform, and expresses the opinion that some change in the directing personnel may well be involved.

The Government agrees with this recommendation, and it is understood that the company welcomes the suggestion that a wholetime chairman should be appointed.

The Government likewise agrees that one or two fulltime directors should be associated with the chairman.

The Government sympathises with the committee's proposal that dividends of subsidised air transport, with which he has been concerned, companies should be restricted to the limits usually associated with public utility companies, and will consider whether financial arrangements can be made to this end.

AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY

In regard to the aircraft industry, the Government will give special consideration to the question of obsolescence and replacement, deter-

rence. The Government agrees that the assistance already given should continue for development and for production within the next five years of an improved engine of the Diesel type.

The proposal that a petrol tax on internal air lines should be considered or should be subsidised, is rejected on the score of impracticality.

NEW BASE

A site for the Empire flyingboat base is to be selected and developed without delay.

The Air Ministry is actively engaged in considering alternative sites, including Portsmouth and Southampton, following Portsmouth City Council's decision last November not to proceed with the Langstone Harbour scheme.

Arrangements for customs clearance at aerodromes will be reviewed.

Imperial Airways have intimated that they fully agree with the recommendation that personal contact between employer and employee should be supplemented by collective representation.

FAILED TO COOPERATE

London, To-day.

The Cadman Report also states that although carriage of

air passengers in safety and comfort and the conveyance of mails and freight has been achieved by Imperial Airways with considerable efficiency, the committee could not avoid the conclusion that the management had been defective in other respects.

In particular, not only has it failed to co-operate fully with the Air Ministry but it has been intolerant of suggestion and unyielding in negotiation.

Internally, its attitude on staff matters left much to be desired.

NARROW VIEW

It appears to us that the Managing Director of the company, presumably with the acquiescence of the Board—has taken a commercial view of his responsibilities that is too narrow, and failed to give the Government departments

expected from a company heavily subsidised and having such important international and Imperial contracts.

There should in our opinion, be an immediate improvement in these respects, and this may well involve some change in the directing personnel.—Reuters.

JAPANESE STAGING NAVY, AIR AND ARMY REVIEW IN SHANGHAI AREA

Shanghai, To-day.

For the first time since December 3 last year, when the Japanese staged the "Victory Parade" through the International Settlement, the Japanese have announced a vast military, naval and air force review through the Japanese sector of the Settlement to-morrow (Thursday).

The parade will be in commemoration of the thirty-fourth anniversary of the Russo-Japanese War.

Although the parade is not taking place within the non-Japanese sector of the Settlement, nevertheless elaborate precautions are being taken against untoward incidents such as marred the Victory Parade.—Reuter.

DRUGS WHICH MAKE MEN TALK

London, To-day.

Major-General Sir Wyndham Childs (Retired), former Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, who conducted the investigation into the Arcos raid in London, told pressmen yesterday that the allegation made by Rakovsky in the Moscow trial that Czechoslovakia had been behind the investigation was a "lie."

Major-General Childs said that previously he had laughed at the reports of drugs which could make men talk, but now he believed in them.—Trans-Ocean.

NEW HUNGARIAN CABINET?

Budapest, To-day.

Strengthening of the Christian National Party in the Government, and possible inclusion of the Right Wing Nationalists, is regarded in political circles as the logical result of the new programme announced by Premier Daranyi.

It is confidently expected that the leader of the Christian Party, Tibor von Eckhard, as well as the leading member of the Agrarian Party, Count Moritz Esterhazy, and perhaps one or two other politicians, will enter the Government as Ministers without Portfolio.—Trans-Ocean.

SOFIA ELECTION RESULTS

Sofia, To-day.

Thirty Government candidates were returned, as against 14 Opposition, in the elections on Sunday, says an official Bulgarian Government announcement.

As all political parties in Bulgaria had been dissolved, the issue was one of Government versus Opposition.—Trans-Ocean.

NESSIM PASHA DEAD

Cairo, To-day.

Nessim Pasha, former Egyptian Premier, died here yesterday, at the age of 68. Nessim Pasha held the premiership several times, the last being in 1925.—Trans-Ocean.

NO QUARREL OVER PACIFIC ISLANDS

Washington, To-day.

The United States and Britain have fairly accurate views of each other's attitude regarding the Islands of Canton and Enderbury, in the South Pacific, declared the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, at the press conference yesterday.

The statement is taken to indicate that a considerable exchange of views has already been carried on and clarification reached.—Reuter.

GRETA GARBO AND STOKOWSKI

Stockholm, To-day.

Rumours that Greta Garbo is to marry the director of the Philadelphia Symphony orchestra, Leopold Stokowski, are repeated by the newspaper "Allehands," which declares on reliable information from Philadelphia that upon his return to America Stokowski will retire from public life and build a house in Arizona for himself and Miss Garbo.

The famous film star has, according to the paper, also declared her intention of retiring from the screen in order to live a private life with Stokowski.—Trans-Ocean.

WEDDING OF KING ZOG FIXED

The wedding of King Zog of Albania to the youthful Hungarian Countess Apponyi has been arranged for April 26.

The wedding festivities will begin on April 23 with a reception in the Royal Palace. The civil wedding will take place on the morning of April 27 in the Royal Palace when the President of Parliament will officiate as registrar.

Immediately after this ceremony the Royal couple will receive the congratulations of the Royal family, Government, Parliament, Diplomatic Corps and higher officials of the administration.—Trans-Ocean.

GERMAN STUDENT SAFE IN PEPING

Peiping, To-day.

The German student Hildebrandt, who had been kidnapped by bandits in the hills near Peiping a week ago, has arrived back in Peiping in perfect health and none the worse for his adventure.—Trans-Ocean.

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VON RIBBENTROP ARRIVES TO DISCUSS GERMANY'S CLAIMS WITH BRITAIN

London, To-day.

The arrival of Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, in London yesterday has shifted political attention for the moment from Rome to London, although, as "The Times" points out, "it is from the Rome negotiations that practical results are to be looked for at this stage."

Herr von Ribbentrop has arrived to pay what is officially called a farewell visit, to present his letters of recall (he was formerly Ambassador in London) and to take leave of his friends.

It is known, however, that he will take the opportunity to have general talks on Anglo-German relations with Mr. Neville Chamberlain and Lord Halifax.

"The Times" says that these talks will be a continuation of the discussions begun by Lord Halifax during his visit to Herr Hitler, and are designed to discover a possible basis for Anglo-German negotiations.

This, "The Times" says, is rather a difficult problem in view of the numbers of problems which are ripe for discussion.

The "Daily Telegraph" says in a despatch from Berlin that Herr von Ribbentrop's mission will be to explore the ground.

FREEDOM OF PRESS

Berlin has noted the fact that Herr Hitler's objections to British newspaper reporting on Germany are sympathetically understood in London, though Whitehall has made it clearly understood that the British Government will under no circumstances curtail the freedom of the press.

This matter, however, in which Herr von Ribbentrop is deeply interested, is undoubtedly one of the things which he will bring up for discussion in London.

The diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Herald" says that Herr Hitler still holds firm to the belief that the return of Germany's colonies can only be regarded as a question of honour and justice and not as a matter for bargaining.

HITLER'S STAND

The paper says that Herr Hitler is also convinced that questions touching upon Germany's relations with her neighbours in eastern and south-eastern Europe concern Germany alone and not England.

Herr von Ribbentrop will tell Mr. Chamberlain, says the paper, that if these questions, which mainly revolve around the situation of the German minorities in neighbouring countries, can be settled in a satisfactory manner, there will be no need to harbour fears for peace.

Any interference on the part of Britain or France, on the other hand, would merely result in damaging the prospects of arriving at a satisfactory solution.—Trans-Ocean.

MEETING HALIFAX

London, To-day. Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop arrived in London yesterday afternoon and will meet the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, at 11 o'clock this morning at the Foreign Office.

It is expected that Herr von Ribbentrop will also have conversations with Mr. Neville Chamberlain.—Trans-Ocean.

London, To-day.

After seeing Lord Halifax this morning, Herr von Ribbentrop will take lunch with the Prime Minister, and on Friday will be received in audience by the King.—Trans-Ocean.

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ANGLO-ITALIAN TALKS OPEN IN CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE

Absolute Reserve Being Maintained For Present

Survey Of Ground To Be Covered Made

Rome, To-day.

The Anglo-Italian conversations opened yesterday evening with a meeting between the Earl of Perth, the British Ambassador, and Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, which lasted over an hour.

After the meeting a communiqué was issued stating that a survey of the ground to be covered was made and the conversations will be continued.

PORTUGUESE BUSINESS MEN AT LAW

An alleged business partnership which was never carried out resulted in a claim for \$28,651.41 against Messrs. A. F. B. Silva-Netto and Company, by Messrs. Lopes and Alves, Limited, the case being heard before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Supreme Court this morning.

It was alleged by plaintiffs that the claim was for money lent to defendant company, who denied that it was a loan but money advanced for the business.

The Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jnr., represented plaintiffs, while defendant appeared in person.

Defendant stated that his defence was that the money was not a loan but a partnership account. About the end of July, 1931, he and Mr. S. A. Lopes decided to enter into partnership. The partnership agreement was signed two months later, under the name of Silva-Netto and Lopes.

At the request of Mr. Lopes he moved his office from Alexandra Building to Ice House Street, and after the agreement had been signed, Mr. Lopes left for Shanghai, telling him that Mr. A. S. Alves would also have a share in the firm. Mr. Alves was with the Union Insurance but he resigned in November and took charge of the finances and books.

NOT REGISTERED

As the firm of Silva-Netto and Lopes was not yet registered all contracts were made and signed in the name of Silva-Netto and Company.

In December, 1931, Mr. Lopes returned from Shanghai and thought of rescinding the agreement and forming a company of his own. Prior to that money paid by Mr. Alves and Mr. Lopes was in the account of Silva-Netto and Company, and at no time was anything mentioned that the money was a loan. There was no demand until the writ was issued.

In 1933, defendant inserted an advertisement in the press revoking the power of attorney which he had given to Mr. Alves. Messrs. Lopes and Alves responded with an advertisement that he (Mr. Silva-Netto) had nothing more to do with their firm.

Defendant pointed that it was inconceivable that plaintiffs should have advanced the money if they had no interest in the firm.

BANKRUPTCY PETITION

In the witness box defendant said he could not see any reason for the delay in registering the Company, but that they were all occupied with the business and working in harmony and it was just set aside.

It is believed that the next meeting will be held on Thursday.

Absolute reserve is maintained in both British and Italian circles regarding the nature of the talks, with a view to not endangering their success by premature publicity.

The atmosphere, however, is very cordial, while the Italian press is full of extracts from foreign newspapers commenting favourably on what is described as the new turn of British policy.—Reuter.

EGYPT'S INTEREST

Cairo, To-day.

The Egyptian Government has issued a communiqué revealing that Britain has assured Egypt, in accordance with the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty, that she will agree to nothing in the Anglo-Italian conversations which might affect Egyptian interests without consulting Egypt.—Reuter.

FRIDAY'S DATE

Trans-Ocean adds that the actual negotiations will probably start on Friday, after Count Ciano and Lord Perth have completed the preliminaries.

Present at yesterday's inaugural meeting was Mr. E. M. B. Ingram, director of the Southern Europe Department of the British Foreign Office.

Owing to some trouble over a shipment of coal, on which the sellers obtained judgment, witness filed a petition for bankruptcy on March 15, 1932.

The proceedings were, however, not carried on as witness and the sellers came to an agreement to settle by instalments. As a result of this action, witness had to pay out \$108,000. Witness denied that the money advanced by plaintiffs was loaned to him, but money used in the business. The sum of \$2,000 received from Mr. Lopes was not a loan but for the purchase of his good will.

PROFITS CLAIM

Witness added that the bulk of profits shown in the audited balance sheet of plaintiffs' company were the profits of witness's firm (Silva-Netto and Company), and could not be the profits of plaintiffs' firm which was only started towards the end of December, 1931. These profits resulted from the contracts of defendant's firm. The books used by plaintiffs were the books of witness's firm. Asked why he signed a receipt for \$300 salary, witness replied that he did not want to implicate plaintiffs in his bankruptcy petition.

Cross-examined by Mr. Leo D'Almada, witness admitted that a promissory note for \$7,300 which he signed in favour of Mr. Lopes was in connection with a private debt.

Witness also admitted that in an affidavit in connection with the bank-

RUMANIA—RECOGNISES ABYSSINIA

Bucharest, To-day.

Rumania has now officially recognised the Italian Empire.

The new Rumanian Minister to Rome will be accredited to the King of Italy and Emperor of Ethiopia.—Reuter.

POLAND RECOGNISES ETHIOPIAN CONQUEST

Rome, To-day.

Poland has officially recognised the Italian Empire in Abyssinia.

At a state banquet in Rome last night, the Polish Foreign Minister, Col. Joseph Beck, said: "I raise my glass to their Majesties the King of Italy and Emperor of Ethiopia and the Queen Empress Helen."

Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, in reply, mentioned the vital part Poland must play in Europe.

This is interpreted as meaning that Italy will support the inclusion of Poland in any pact reached with the western Powers.—Reuter.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET SHOCK FAILURE

New York, To-day.

The firm of Richard Whitney and Company, a member of the New York Stock Exchange, has announced its inability to meet its obligations.

The Stock Exchange subsequently suspended the firm for insolvency. The firm was also suspended by the New York Curb Exchange.

The senior partner of the firm, Mr. Richard Whitney, is a former President of the New York Stock Exchange.—Reuter.

ruptcy petition he did not mention anything about the partnership. This, he explained, was because he did not want to implicate Mr. Lopes and Mr. Alves. The document which he signed was to protect Mr. Lopes and Mr. Alves and the interests of the company.

The case is continuing.

NEW AIR OFFICIAL APPOINTED

London, To-day.

It is understood that Sir Donald Banks will be appointed to the newly created post of Permanent Under-Secretary for Air.

Sir Francis Shelmerdine will continue as Director of Civil Aviation.—Reuter.

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Sensational Allegations In Moscow Treason Trial

EXTRAORDINARY TALE OF DEATH OF MAXIM GORKY

Moscow, To-day.

When the treason trial was resumed yesterday morning, Yagoda, former director of the OGPU, repudiated part of his confession denying that he had ordered the killing of Menzhinsky, though he admitted ordering the deaths of Kubitshov and Maxim Gorky.

A plot to undermine Maxim Gorky's political activity by killing his son, Peshkov, was described by Dr. Levin, who said that in 1933, Yagoda suggested to him that Peshkov, who had influence on his father and aunt, be removed.

Under the threat of ruin, Levin agreed to murder Peshkov, who was made drunk and then exposed to the cold wind so that he developed pneumonia.

Levin also said that Yagoda instructed him to accelerate the death of Menzhinsky. He recommended that Dr. Kazakov be asked to carry out this "villainous design" by treating Menzhinsky with medicines which would cause death.

Kazakov confirmed Levin's testimony.

MURDER OF GORKY

In regard to the assassination of Maxim Gorky, which Yagoda confirmed was carried out on his instructions, Levin declared that Gorky, though tuberculous, was encouraged to indulge in long walks and gardening, which were harmful.

Levin arranged that Gorky worked in the garden and also arranged matters so that Gorky caught influenza from his family, and when he fell very ill he was given potent heart stimulants which caused death from heart failure.

The judge yesterday granted Yagoda's request to have his evidence heard in secret session after Yagoda had again startled the court by repudiating his denial in the morning session of complicity in the murders of Menzhinsky and Peshkov.

This happened after Paul Bulanov, Yagoda's private secretary for many years, had testified for ninety minutes against his former employer.

SECRET SESSION

Vishinsky, the public prosecutor, asked: "What do you say now?"

Yagoda: "I admit complicity in the murder of Menzhinsky and causing Peshkov's illness but I beg permission to testify in secret session."

Judge Ulrich granted the request.

Bulanov painted Yagoda as a kind of Borgian poisoner. He said Yagoda had equipped a special laboratory for experiments with poisons and had engaged chemists to prepare compounds with which he hoped to dispose of political enemies.

MERCURY AND ACID

A mixture of mercury and acid sprinkled in Yagoda's office after he had been removed from the OGPU, was meant to cause the death of his successor, Yezhov.

Bulanov proceeded to describe Yagoda's dictatorial ambitions, his Wireless.

PARIS, To-day.

The Minister of Finance yesterday revealed that expenditure on armaments to £21,000,000 in the first two months this year, and would total over £100,000,000 before the end of the year. — Reuter.

FRENCH ARMS COSTS

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NEW STATUS OF COLONIAL REGIMENTS

London, To-day.

The London "Gazette" announces the promotion to the substantive rank of Lieutenant Colonel of Major J. I. Chrystall, commanding the Transjordan Frontier Force, and Major V. G. Stokes, Commanding the Straits Settlements Frontier Force.

Others whose promotions have been approved by the King are Major N. A. Green, commanding the Gold Coast Regiment of the Royal West African Frontier Force, Major J. R. Bruce, selected to command a battalion of the Gold Coast Regiment, Major J. A. S. Hopkins and Major W. Owen, selected to command battalions of the Nigeria Regiment, Royal West African Frontier Force, and Major J. T. Bretherton, selected to command Malaya Regiment.

The promotions, which will take effect during 1938, are the result of the arrangement recently made whereby a number of the units of the permanent military forces maintained by Colonies and Dependencies have been graded as substantive Lieutenant-Colonel commands. — British Wireless.

REPORTED THREAT TO SOVIET CONSUL

Moscow, To-day.

The Tass news agency states that according to information received by the Soviet Embassy in China, the Japanese, with the assistance of White Guards, are preparing a new raid on the Soviet Consulate-General in Tientsin.

Provocative assaults on individual members of the Consulate staff, if they appear in the city, are also being prepared, it is alleged. — Reuter.

SMALLPOX DEATHS LAST WEEK

That 188 persons died of smallpox in the Colony last week is revealed in the official return released this morning. The total of fresh cases was 185, an average of more than 26 daily, of which 139 were reported from Victoria, 39 from Kowloon, four from Aberdeen, and two from Shaukiwan.

There were also 13 cases of cerebro-spinal fever, 11 of typhoid and eight of diphtheria.

TREASURY RETURN

London, To-day. Exchequer returns show that total ordinary revenue amounts to £792,023,676 compared with £776,941,351 at the corresponding date of 1937. — British Wireless.

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FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

Once or twice since the outbreak of Sino-Japanese hostilities, with special reference to their repercussions in Hong Kong, there has been a flurry in the Colony—in a very minor key it is true—regarding the freedom of the press. It has never amounted to very much more than a display of individual gall at something which has been published, and the average layman is not altogether to be blamed if he views the issue as one for the newspapers to worry about. In reality, without doubt, preservation of freedom of the press is just as important to the public at large as it is to the newspapers. It may appear to be something of an abstraction, but like many another abstraction its negation both defines it and discloses its importance.

An instance has just been disclosed for the first time, in connection with Franco-Italian relations, which is a remarkable example of the negation of freedom of the press and which is worthy of citation at some length. A recent issue of "Tribuna," a leading evening newspaper of Rome, was confiscated by the Italian authorities because of an article from its Paris correspondent dealing with Franco-Italian relations. It might be assumed, from such a bare outline of fact, that the Paris correspondent of "Tribuna" had hinted that Paris was of the opinion that Signor Mussolini was a rascal, or that Paris thought his government stupid, greedy, cantankerous or malevolent, or that Paris, when asked about Fascism, said nits. to that. Such, however, is not quite the case. The case is, simply, that the Paris correspondent of "Tribuna" set forth the startling idea that Italy and France could live together in the world, even though they held to divergent theories of government.

"The Times" more recently published a digest of the article, the offending part of which runs for a severe shock.

like this. France and Italy will can and must live in peace. But two peoples who want to carry out a mutually useful task, who do not want to do anything prejudicial, and who want to co-operate for peace do not have to love each other passionately. Apart from their latinity, France and Italy have, at the moment, no common interests. But it is not always necessary for two nations to have common interests in order to reach an agreement. It ought not to be very difficult to find this formula (for agreement) as regards France and Italy. However, as it is not Italy which has been deficient in friendship, it rests upon France to say a word, or to make a gesture at the first opportunity, which would open the road to normal relations."

Discounting any anti-Italian bias of "The Times," it is still beyond doubt a reasonably accurate brief of the article which caused confiscation of the newspaper. What do you make of this? (1) That here is a conciliatory article; (2) That the Mussolini government disapproves of conciliatory articles; (3) That therefore Roman citizens will not be permitted to read conciliatory articles. Now, the suppression of this article will not produce the conditions for a war between France and Italy. But the theory impelling it, that the citizens of one nation may not read friendly words at variance with the political ideas or ideals of one man or one group of men, will make a war, and all we have to do is wait, and see if that is not a true estimate of the problem.

This night, too, clarify the meaning of the freedom of the press.

* * *
British Rearmament

If I desire to see our country strong, it is because I believe that in her strength lies the best hope of peace.

That declaration by the Prime Minister in the defence debate is one which, whatever may be felt regarding the trend of Mr. Chamberlain's foreign policy, will be re-echoed in all the democracies of the world. Against the sinister background of the impact of ideologies, the British Empire stands forth more sharply than ever as a vital defence of the elementary principles of political freedom in national affairs and of reasonable dealings in international relations.

Mr. Chamberlain's speech was more than a resume of the comforting progress being made to rebuild British armaments on the sea, on the land and in the air. Between the lines can be read a summation of important aspects of foreign policy, more encouraging than is to be found in contemplation of the idea behind the Anglo-Italian talks. He said, for instance: It ought to be known that our desire for peace does not signify willingness to purchase peace to-day at the price of peace hereafter, nor (and this is interesting) can we forget our moral responsibility to our people or to humanity in general. The announcement that the fourth main objective of Britain's armaments programme is co-operation in defence of our allies' territories, can only be interpreted as warning that Britain will support her allies, but this time more quickly than in 1914. It is evident that war aggressors who may gamble on British weakness are destined for a severe shock.

JAPANESE NAVAL WAR GAMES OUTSIDE H.K.

Startling Manoeuvres Report From Chungshan

KING AND QUEEN TO VISIT BLACK AREAS

London, To-day. The King and Queen are visiting the Special Areas south of Glasgow after opening the Empire Exhibition in Glasgow in May, in order to study conditions in the distressed districts.—Reuter.

LORD SANDERSON LEAVES LABOUR

London, To-day. Following the similar step taken by Lord Arnold, Lord Sanderson is resigning from the Labour Party on the ground that its foreign policy involves hatred of other Powers, and that it would be prepared to go to war on behalf of collective security.

Therefore, he says, he would regard its attainment of office as a menace to peace.—Reuter.

MR. JOSEPH KENNEDY HAS AUDIENCE

London, To-day. The United States Ambassador presented his Letters of Credence

"Until Further Notice" Leaflets Dropped

A startling report to the effect that the Japanese naval forces in South China waters are holding small scale manoeuvres in waters adjacent to the Colony, covering the area south of the Hong Kong-Macao steamboat route and extending south-east towards Hainan Island, has been received from Chungshan.

Indication of the intention is stated to have been provided during the week-end when leaflets were dropped from aeroplanes over villages along the coast, warning small shipping and junks not to venture into the "danger zone" as the vessels engaged in the manoeuvres would be firing live shell.

The warning was "until further notice" and did not state when the manoeuvres were beginning or when they would end.

It is reported that four cruisers, several destroyers and a number of armed trawlers are engaged in the "war game."

The territory affected was defined in the leaflet as south of the Hong Kong-Macao steamboat route, extending to Hoikow.

to the Court of St. James to the King at Buckingham Palace yesterday morning. Viscount Halifax was in attendance for the first time as Foreign Secretary. The Liberian Minister was also received by His Majesty and presented his Letters of Credence.—British Wireless.

CHINESE SUCCESS IN SHANSI BATTLE

Hankow, To-day. Despatches from Shansi and Honan claim Chinese recapture of the Japanese positions between Linfeng and Yancheng, on the Tatung-Puchow Railway.

On the whole, Chinese military quarters here are optimistic, and say the Japanese will have many difficulties in Shansi to overcome.

—Trans-Ocean.

FOREIGN CLAIMS IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day. It is reliably estimated that claims so far entered at Consulates in Shanghai for losses suffered by foreigners as a direct result of the Shanghai hostilities total just under £6,000,000.—Reuter.

JAPANESE COMPELLED TO RETREAT

Hankow, To-day. A Japanese detachment succeeded in crossing the Yellow River at a point in the extreme north of Shansi province where the river is frozen, and occupied Fuku, across the river, on March 2; it is just learned here.

However, the detachment was immediately pushed back to its original position by a fierce Chinese counter-attack.

The relative Chinese and Japanese positions on this and other points remain stationary.—Reuter.

ARMY AND TANK WAR

London, To-day. At Commons question-time, the War Secretary stated that he was satisfied that the present equipment of the British Army in anti-tank rifles and light guns was equal, in each type, to that of the German and French armies.—British Wireless.

BRITISH PEACE MEDIATION EFFORT REPORTS REVIVED

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Shanghai, To-day.

Suggestions are again being made in Japanese circles in Shanghai that the new British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, in spite of denials, is, in fact, preparing the ground for British mediation in the Far Eastern conflict.

Latest indication, in Japanese eyes, that Sir Archibald is engaged on such a mission, is a long conversation between the Ambassador and Mr. Shiratori, Japanese Ambassador to Sweden.

Sir Archibald called on Mr. Shiratori, who is an old friend of his, at the Cathay Hotel on Monday, and, according to report, "discussed the Far Eastern situation with him in candid manner and without any reserve."

Following the talk, Mr. Shiratori had a lengthy interview with the Italian Ambassador, with whom he is reported to have discussed his talks with Sir Archibald.

The Italian Ambassador, Japanese quarters significantly recall, met Mr. T. V. Soong, Mr. O. K. Yui and other prominent

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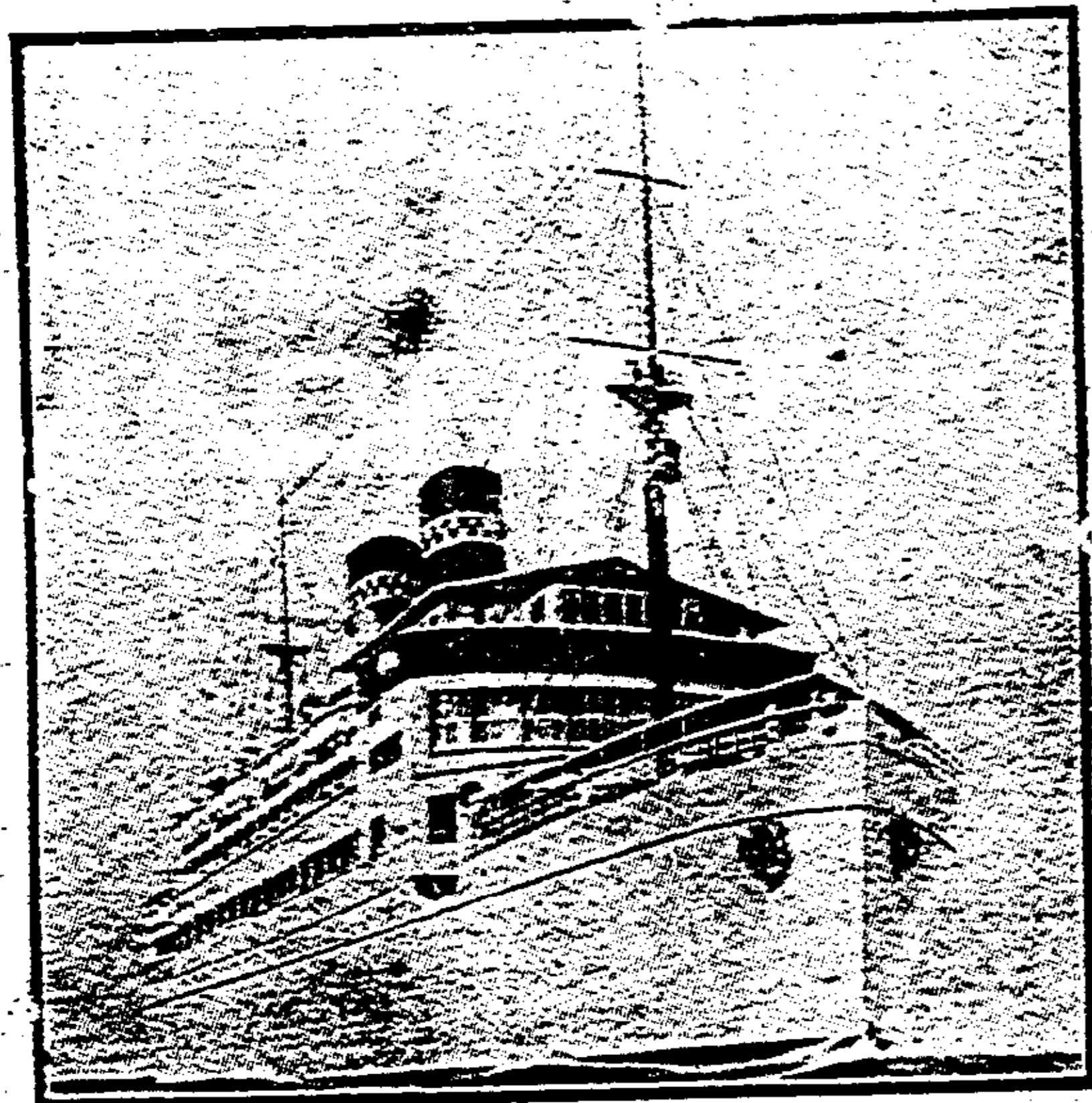
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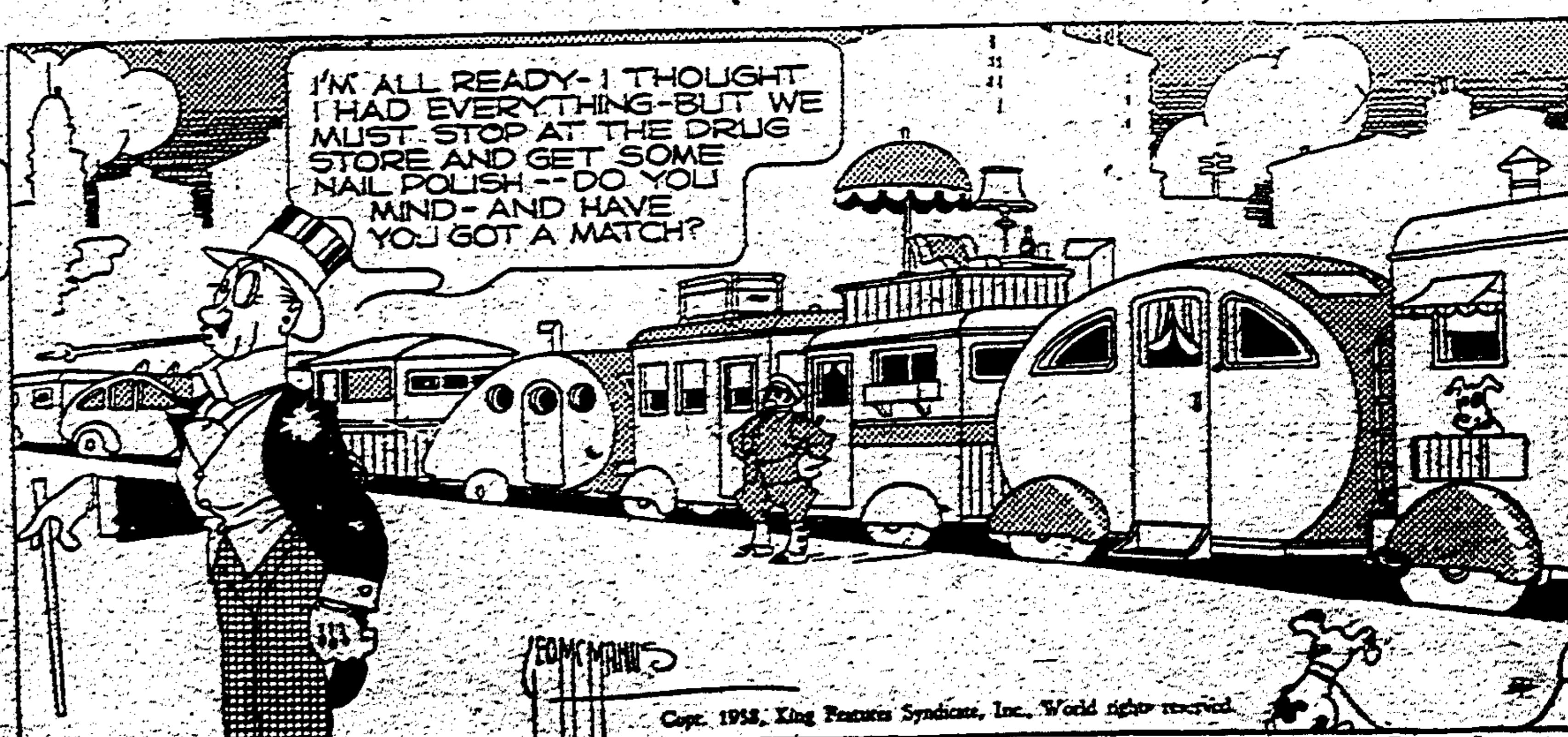
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Chiang Kai-Shek's Confidence In Final Victory

Hankow, To-day.

Complete confidence in ultimate Chinese victory was expressed by General Chiang Kai-shek in an interview with Chinese and foreign friends. General Chiang believed the strength of the Chinese army would be doubled in two months hence compared with its strength at the outbreak of the conflict.

In contrast to the pessimism felt in certain circles regarding the military situation in Shansi, the Generalissimo is confident that the Japanese forces will be unable to penetrate further into China's north-west provinces, stating the opinion that the Japanese troops in Shansi are already experiencing the greatest difficulties with 250,000 Chinese troops scattered in the mountains east and west of the Tungpu Railway which connects Taiyuanfu with Tungkwan.

These Chinese forces are constantly harrassing the Japanese troops along the railway.

Asked by a foreigner where they would meet again, the Generalissimo replied:

"The Chinese National Government is not a corrupt and militarist regime such as has been witnessed in China's past history but

a revolutionary government representing the Chinese race and nation.

Every temporary reverse the Chinese army suffers means the redoubling of Chinese determination to continue resistance.

"It would not be surprising if we meet again in Hankow, and it is even possible that we will meet again in Nanking."—Reuter.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S GREAT PERSONAL TRIUMPH IN DEFENCE DEBATE

London, To-day.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain's speech in the defence debate in the House of Commons is generally regarded as the outstanding achievement of his political career.

That even the parliamentary opposition was impressed is apparent from comments appearing in the "Daily Herald."

The Conservative press strikes a high note of eulogy and unqualified approval.

The "Daily Telegraph" refers to the speech as a personal triumph for Mr. Chamberlain.

"It was the best and the greatest speech he has ever made," the paper says, "and the effect was such as to have surprised even the Prime Minister himself."

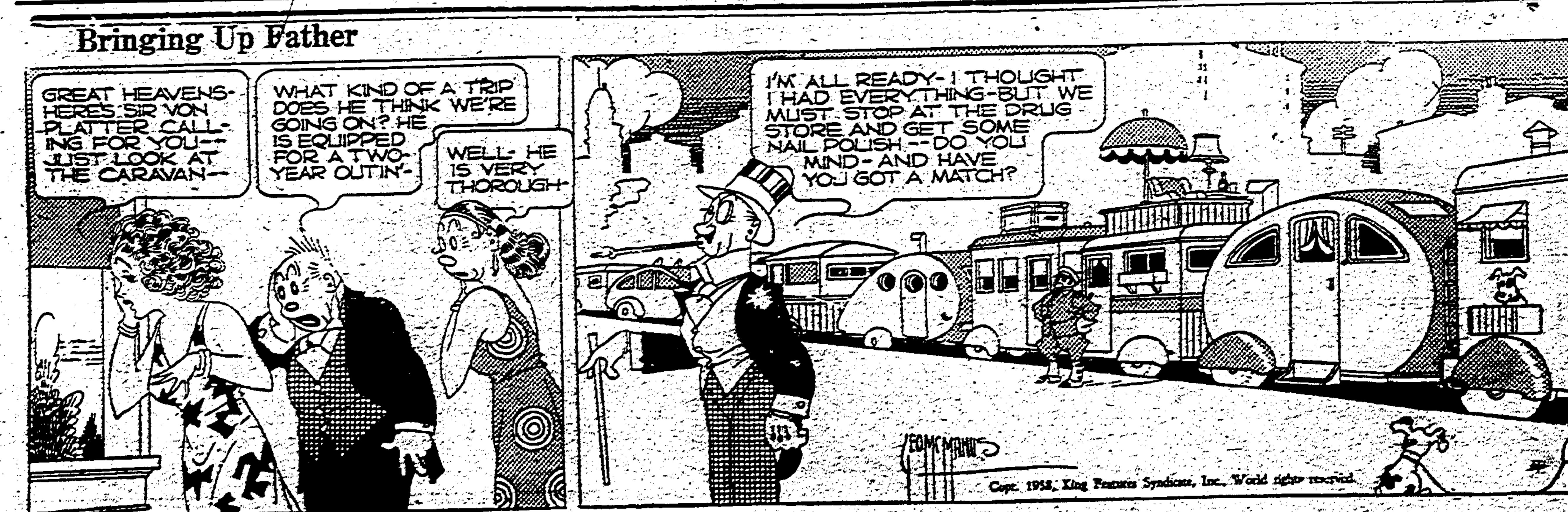
The "Daily Express" is convinced that Mr. Chamberlain will now do everything to bring back British strength to the level of any other power and thus help to banish the

fear of war and revive faith in the efforts to preserve peace.—Trans. Ocean.

U. S. NAVY CHANGE

Hankow, To-day.

Rear-Admiral Marquart, commander of the United States Yangtse Patrol since February, 1937, is leaving by air for Hong Kong to-day en route to America.—Reuter.



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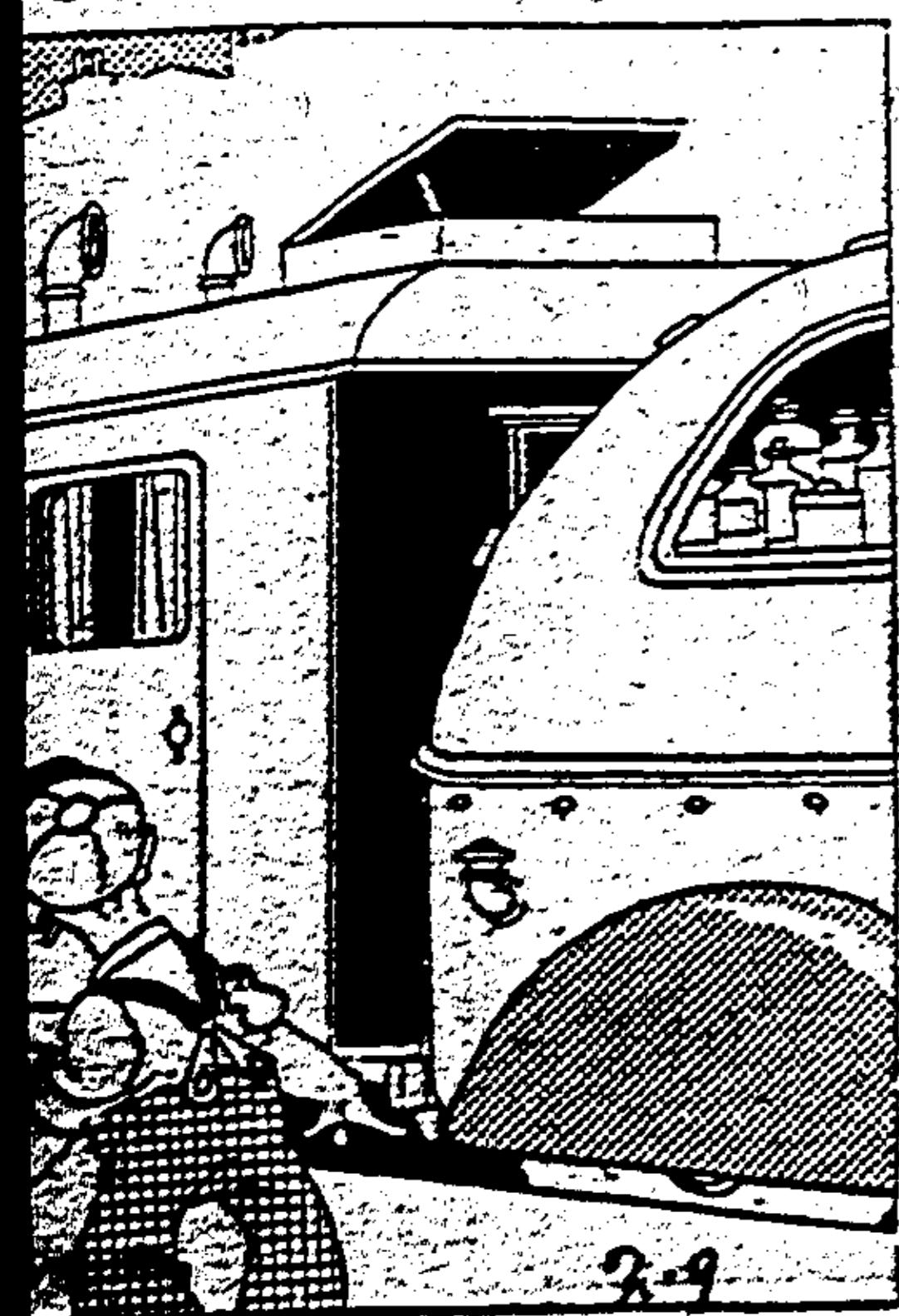
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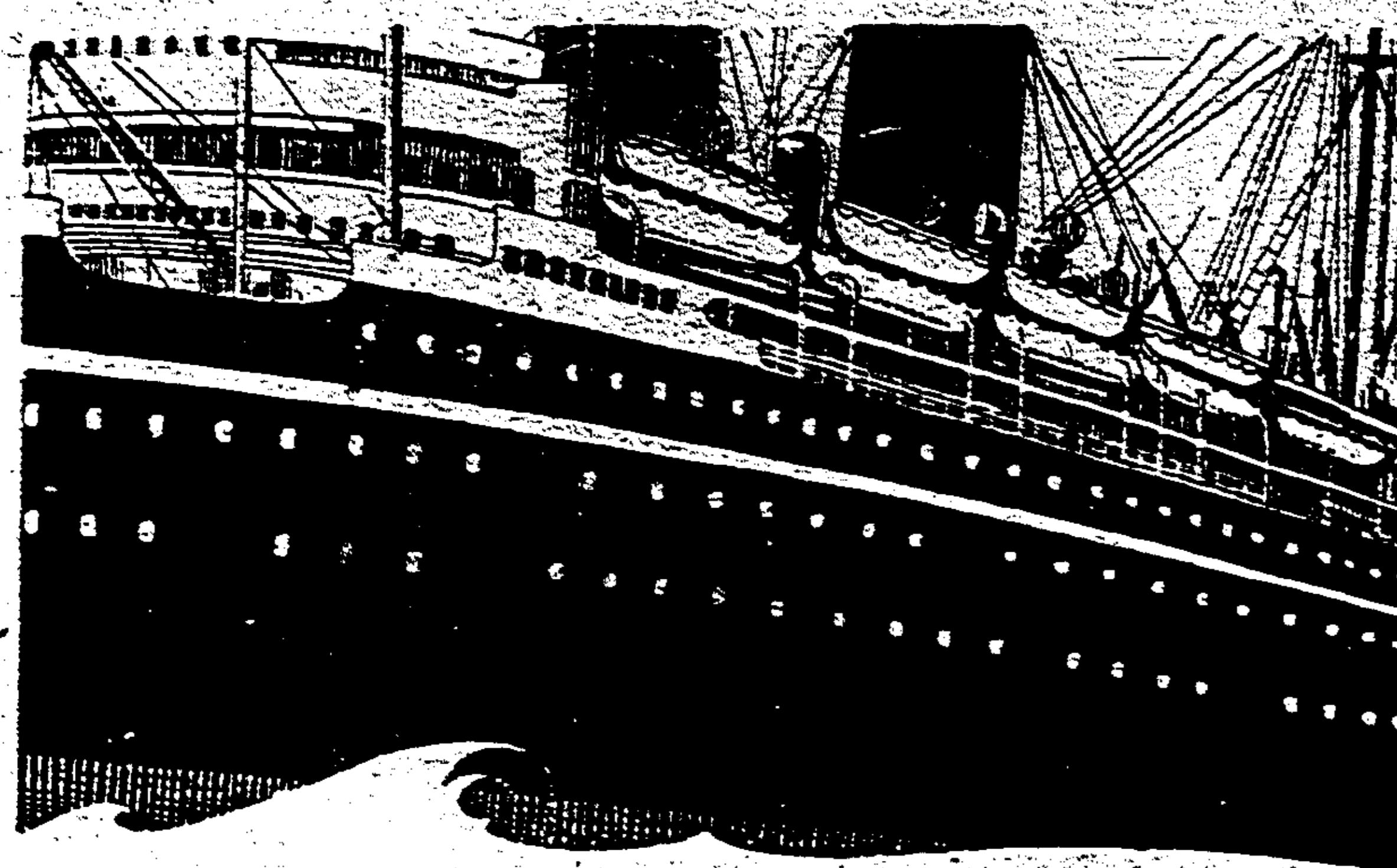
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For Per Date and Time

Swatow	Wednesday	Haitan	Mar. 9, 2 p.m.
Bangkok		Mui Hock	Mar. 9, 4:30 p.m.
Manila		Serooskerk	Mar. 9, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for Wuchow, Kweilin, Kwei- yang and Chungking by the "C.N.A.C. Airways Direct Service."		C.N.A.C. Plane	Wed., Mar. 10, Kowloon P.O.
Reg.		Reg.	Mar. 9, 5 p.m.
Ord.		Ord.	Mar. 9, 5 p.m.
		G.P.O.	
Reg.	Thursday	Kongsoo	Thurs., Mar. 10, 8:15 a.m.
Ord.		Taiyuan	Mar. 9, 8:30 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok		Kweiyang	Mar. 10, 8:30 a.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Service" due Amsterdam, 20th Mar.		Hector	Thurs., Mar. 10, 10 a.m.
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Ord.		Parcels	Mar. 10, 8:30 a.m.
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		Ord.	Thurs., Mar. 10, G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Shanghai		Parcels	Mar. 10, 9, 5 p.m.
Kongmoon		Reg.	Mar. 10, 8:45 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta		Ord.	Mar. 10, 9:30 a.m.
Haiphong		Parcels	Mar. 10, 5 p.m.
Swatow, *Shanghai and Tientsin		Reg.	Mar. 10, 10 a.m.
Manila		Ord.	Thurs., Mar. 10, Noon.
		Taksang	Wed., Mar. 9, 3:30 p.m.
		Empress of Russia	Thurs., Mar. 10, 4:30 p.m.
Hoihow	Friday	Kwangtung	Mar. 11, 10:30 a.m.
Samshui and Wuchow		Tai Hing	Mar. 11, 8:15 a.m.
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		Ord.	Mar. 11, 5:30 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta		Talma	Sat., Mar. 12, G.P.O. and K.P.O.
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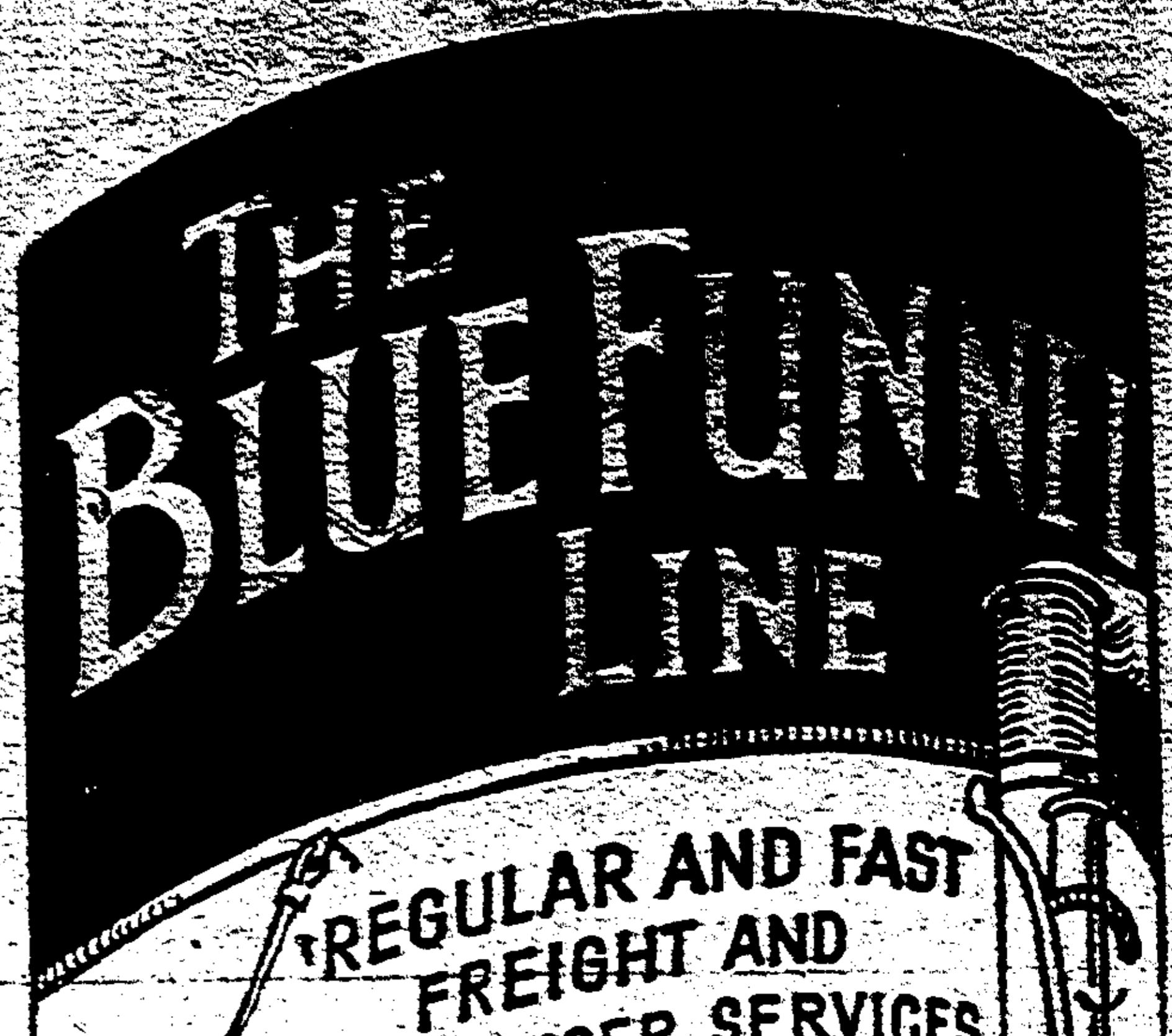
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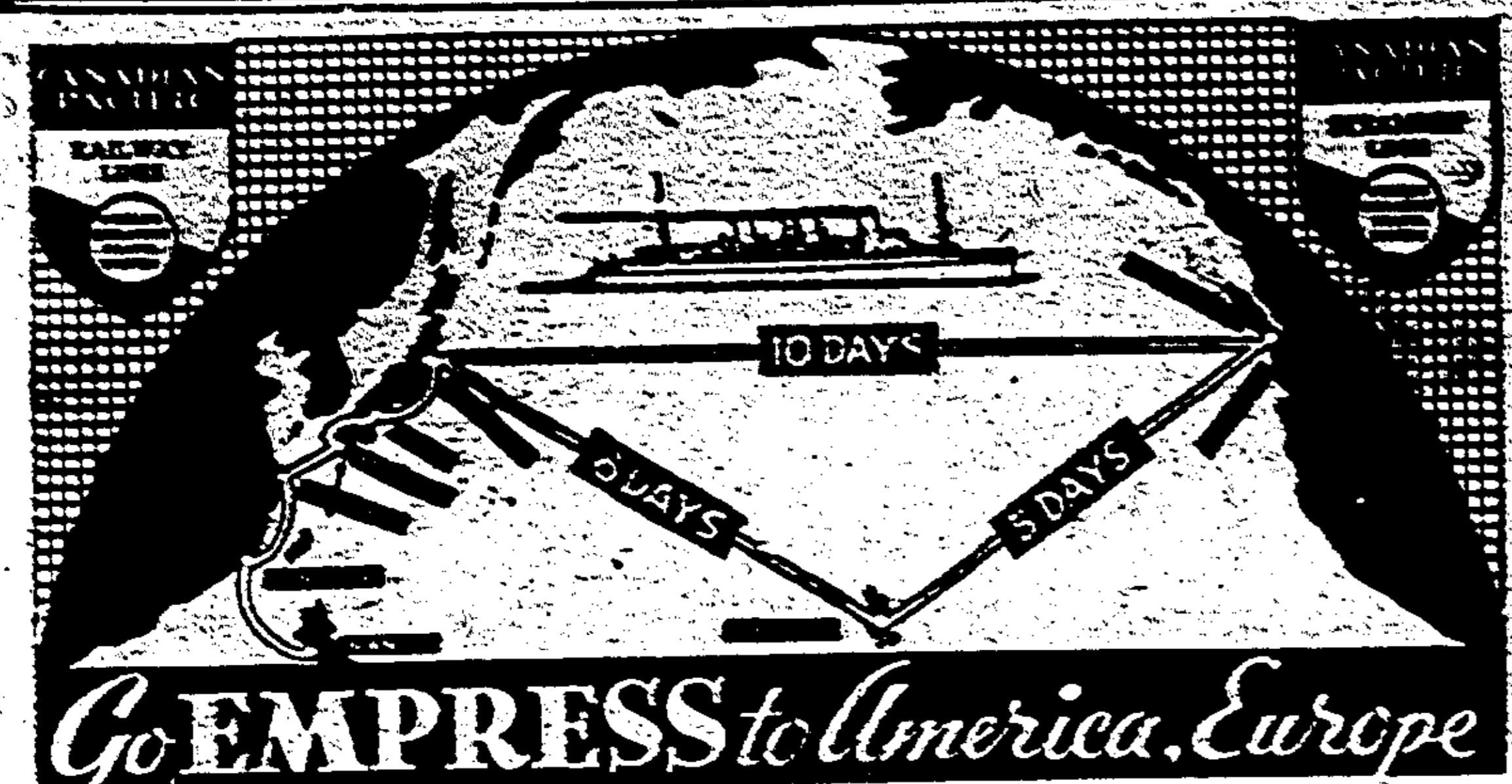
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The Commission has allowed increases of 10 per cent. on the majority of items but exempted several major commodities including agricultural products, on which five per cent. is allowed.

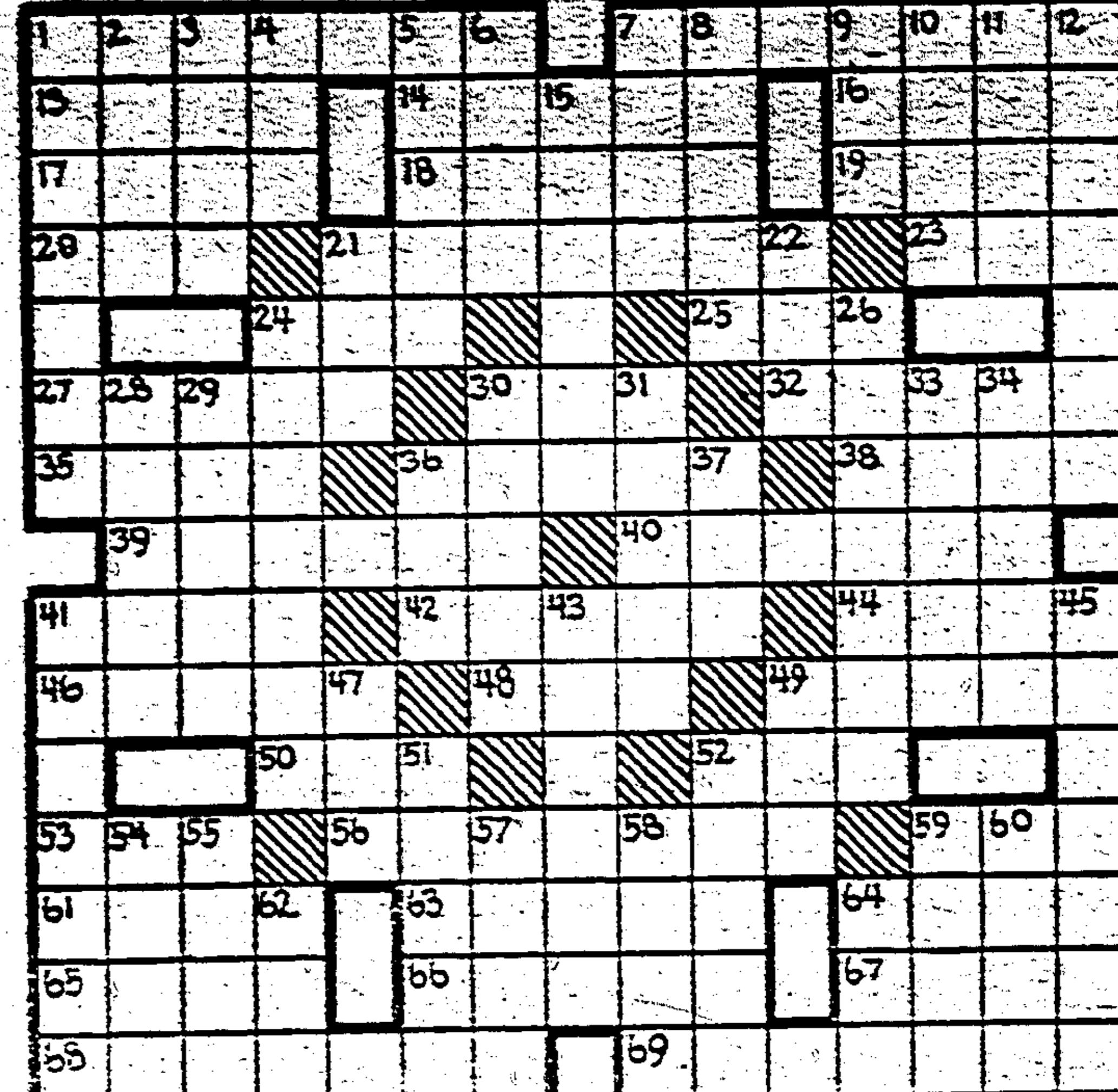
The companies claimed an increase of 15 per cent. — Reuter.

London EXAMINATIONS Commercial Students Achievement

The Local Board of Examination Committee of Faculty of Secretaries & Institute of Commerce, have received the passed list for the Examination of last December. The successful students are:—

Commerce: Tong Chi Cheung, Chan Czi Cheung, Fung Hok Ling, Leung Tung Chun, Lam Sia Hon, Ho Chin Lum, (Students of Government Evening Institute); Ta Ming Ho, Joseph Vo Van, Huynh Cong Dang, Adul Bobd Abbas, Chan Kew, Michael Chow, Ta Coa Hue, Lee Koon Lan, Maycock, (Students of H.K. Commercial Institute).

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



HORIZONTAL

1-Frugal
7-Liquid measure (pl.)
13-Shower
14-Amount on which rates are assessed
16-Egg-shaped
17-A metsai
18-Appearing as if gnawed
19-Prong
20-Fondle
21-Ensigns
23-The sheltered side
24-Appoint
25-Sailor
27-Excite
30-Animal covering
32-To penetrate
35-An opening
36-An angler's willow basket
38-Cauterize
39-Wrinkle
40-Intellectual
41-Satisfy
42-Lukewarm
44-Roman poet
46-Plots
48-Spot

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

49-A creed
50-Mos
52-Digit
53-Before
56-Settled
59-A serpent
61-Plunge into water
63-Dress material
64-Segment
65-Paradise
66-Large plants
67-Vex
68-Most compact
69-Indicated

VERTICAL (Cont.)

15-Sell clapper
21-An insect
22-Sorrowful
24-City thoroughfares
25-Reclaim
29-Pertaining to place
29-Large artery
30-Released
31-To forgive
33-Depart
34-Convincing
36-Central Standard Time (abbr.)
37-Guided
41-Moved rapidly
43-Courteous
45-Gave
47-Turf
49-Kind of fish
51-Pernicious persons
52-Taut
54-Traverse in a car
55-Equal
57-Two-wheeled vehicle
58-Expired
59-Lure
60-A bearing (Her.)
62-Half cms
54-Prefix Before

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



Secretaries: Chan Shun Shui, (Distinction Awarded with a bronze medal). Ho Che Leung, Ng Yuen Tuen, Robert Joseph Maycock, Hon Chun Kwan, Ip Yen Wah, Chan Kew, Choi Sik Hung, Leung Kam Woo, Ye Che Kong, Abbas Abdul Rashid (Students of H.K. Commercial Institute).

ANGLO-GERMAN DYE COMBINE

Berlin, To-day.

Two of the biggest European dye-producers, the German dye trust "I.G. Farben" and the English Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd., have established the firm "Traford Chemical Company Ltd." in London for the manufacture of dyes and related chemical products in England.

The authorised capital of the company is £500,000, of which £300,000 will be issued and paid.

The English concern owns 51 per cent. and the German company 49 per cent. of the shares.—Trans-Ocean.

PRINCE MICHAEL TO VISIT LONDON

London, To-day.

King Carol of Rumania will be accompanied by his son, Crown Prince Michael, when he visits England.

The Deputy Rumanian Foreign Minister will probably also be a member of the Royal party.—Trans-Ocean.

Singapore Raw Rubber

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co. have received the following quotations in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

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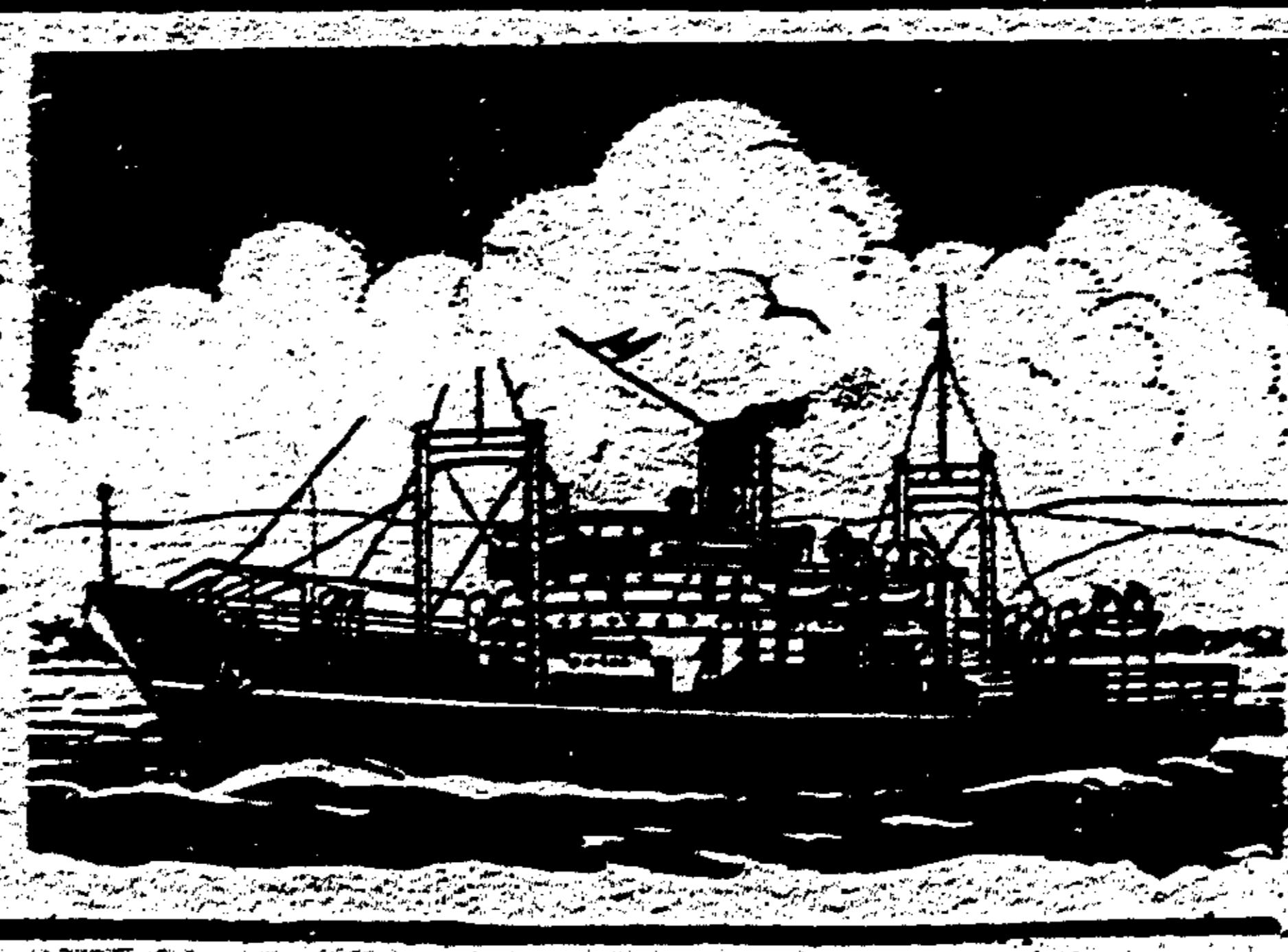
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(By "ADREM")

Although there is one match in the Colony Open Doubles Badminton Championship down for decision this evening at Club de Recreio, chief interest will probably be centred in the ladies' match Recreio against the Rest.

I don't know quite how this match originated—I am fairly certain that it was not arranged by the authorities although it probably has their blessing.

I have been told that the Recreio ladies, who, since the Ladies' League did not materialise, have been unable to get in any regular match-practice against members of their own sex, approached Miss Griffiths with a view to testing their strength against a side which the latter considered representative of the best in the Colony.

Whatever its antecedents, there is little doubt that a keen game will eventuate as both selected combinations appear, on paper to be fairly well matched.

In the Men's Doubles, it can be taken as certain that P. H. Wong and C. Au will win at the expense of G. A. Smith and Frank Kwok but unless the Junior Division pairing become overawed by the (Seafords), E. MacNider (C.B.A.)

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

SINGLES

A. Crawford beat B. Szeto 6-4, 6-3.

E. C. Fincher beat F. V. Harrison 6-1, 6-2.

DOUBLES

M. W. Lo and M. K. Lo beat O. E. C. Marton and D. B. Evans 6-2, 6-2.

Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui beat I. Agafuroff and J. Pengelly 6-3, 6-2.

casion, I expect them to give a good account of themselves.

PROGRAMME

7.00 p.m.—F. H. Kwok and G. A. Smith v P. H. Wong and C. Au.

8.00 p.m.—Recreio Ladies v The Rest.

Teams:

Recreio

Miss M. Silva and Miss O. Ribeiro Jr.

Miss M. Xavier and Miss M. Ribeiro

Miss A. C. Remedios and Mrs. N. Castro.

The Rest

Miss M. Griffiths and Mrs. J. Stokes.

Miss N. Bardley and Mrs. S. W. Clark.

Miss U. Khoo and Miss W. Cheung.



SCOTLAND HOCKEY TRIAL

The following have been requested to be present on the Y.M.C.A. ground at 4.45 p.m. to-day for a match against the Hong Kong Hockey Club, to facilitate the selection of a Scottish side. Harland, Patteson, Waddell, Marshall, Fraser, Degrave, Neave, Meikle (Royal Scots), Thomson, Meeks, Gunn, Aberbeam, Wilson, Brown, Cunningham (Seafords), E. MacNider (C.B.A.).

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YESTERDAY'S TENNIS AT H.K.C.C.

TSUIS AND LOS HAVE LITTLE DIFFICULTY ALEC CRAWFORD IS CONVINCING

(By "ADREM")

COLD dreary weather in which a gusty wind and light drizzle did not make either for inspiring play by the competitors or added comfort for the spectators, marked the Colony Tennis Championships at the Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday.

AS MOST PEOPLE HAVE NOW BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO EXPECTING, ALL GAMES WERE FINISHED IN STRAIGHT SETS AND THERE WAS REALLY LITTLE IN THE PLAY TO MAKE THOSE ENTHUSIASTS WHO BRAVED THE ELEMENTS, FEEL THAT THEIR HOUR OF DISCOMFORT WAS WORTH THE EFFORT.

The game which attracted the largest section of the crowd was the one in which the Tsui brothers defeated I. Agafuroff and J. Pengelly, of the Civil Service. Although anything like a high standard was rarely reached, the do-or-die methods which the European couple employed, resulted in a few rallies, which were thrilling if nothing else.

They started hitting from the first ball and if as many of their drives as found their mark finished in the net, on several occasions, their ferocious attack caught the Tsuis out of position and they gathered sufficient points to secure five games in all—a very praiseworthy effort under the circumstances.

Pengelly, a left hander with quite a respectable forehand drive and a deceptive cross-court backhand slice which he used quite often in returning service, played a useful, if somewhat erratic game, while Agafuroff showed up best when serving. The latter brought his first delivery down from a great height and making full use of the corners, managed such an angle that even Wai-pui was caught napping once or twice.

He was also fairly reliable off the ground, but as a rule, he played his drive while the ball was dropping with the result that his opponents had heaps of time in which to position themselves and cut it off at the net.

Agafuroff was also a trifle lax about the court. He revealed an unfortunate penchant for "staying put" in midcourt. Being neither far enough back to make an effective return or far enough in to play a volley with any decision.

The Tsuis went for their shots all the time and always had sufficient in reserve to enable them to score points whenever the occasion demanded.

LOS WIN LEGAL ARGUMENT

O. E. C. Marton and D. B. Evans were far too erratic to hope to cope with the Lo brothers in an all-legal tussle. The latter were allowed to play all their strokes in their own sweet time and they led their more youthful opponents a merry dance. I am waiting with some interest a game in which the Los will be really extended, it should be extraordinarily interesting!

In the singles, F. V. Harrison,

ONLY ONE OPEN GAME TO-DAY

Only one match in the Colony Open Tennis Tournament will be played this afternoon, the rest of the programme being confined to Club events.

Leung Ping-chiu, a dour player from the C.R.C., is down to meet a Clubmate, S. W. Liang, in the singles. Liang is a good-looking player but I shall be surprised if he will be able to stand up to the consistent all-round game which invariably features the play of Leung Ping-chiu, who is essential effective if not classic.

PROGRAMME

Club Handicap Singles

A. C. L. Bowker (—2.6) v J. T. B. Evans (—3.6).

H. T. Dow (—2.6) v H. D. Bidwell (—2.6).

T. E. Nave (—5.6) v L. M. S. Lloyd (scr).

W. Sander (—15) v A. H. McBride (—16).

Club Championship

T. A. Pearce v J. F. L. Smalley.

E. E. Story v R. L. D. Wodehouse.

Colony Championship

Leung Ping-chiu v S. W. Liang.

Club Handicap Doubles

R. M. King and J. P. Murphy (scr.) v T. E. Wheble and J. A. H. Douglass (—15).

H. J. Armstrong and M. H. Turner (—5.6) v G. W. Sewell and T. C. Monaghan (—15).

THE WALKER CUP GOLF CONTEST

British Players Selected For Trial At St. Andrews

JACK GRAHAM'S NEPHEW IN THE LIST

Edinburgh, February 5.

THE British Walker Cup selectors at a meeting in Edinburgh yesterday, over which W. B. Torrance, in the absence of Cyril Tolley, presided, decided to invite the following to take part in the official trial at St. Andrews on May 5 and 6:—

E. Bromley-Davenport (Wilmslow), J. Bruen (Musker), L. G. Crawley (Bracepeth Castle), C. Ewing (County Sligo), J. Graham (Royal Liverpool), J. E. Gent (Bradford Moor), E. D. Hamilton (Ralston), A. Jamieson, jun. (Pollok), A. T. Kyle (Sandmoor, Leeds), J. D. A. Langley (Cambridge University), D. H. Lewis (Cardiff), J. J. F. Pennink (Royal Ashdown Forest), G. B. Peters (Fereneze), K. B. Scott (Oxford University), C. Stowe (Penn), and H. Thomson (Williamwood). John B. Beck (Sundridge Park) has been appointed captain of the team.

The Walker Cup selectors are right on the nail with the list of players to whom notice of the official trial has now been given. Early February was the time indicated, and the list players will now have three months to prepare themselves for the trial, which is fixed for St. Andrew's in the first week of May.

The international contest with Thomson was, of course, a certainty, the Americans will take place at St. Andrews in the first week of June, and as the Amateur Championship precedes it at Troon, the selectors, it is expected, will in making their final selections for the team leave probably two places for players who may do specially well in that event.

The players who were at Pine Valley two years ago and have been dropped are P. B. Lucas, who was indisposed and did not play; G. A. Hill, J. M. Dykes, and Harry Bentley. Jack McLean, who was also in that British side, is, of course, no longer eligible since he became a professional.

SURPRISE SELECTIONS

The majority of the names in the list selected yesterday are expected names. In greater or less degree all have claims and credentials.

The surprise selections undoubtedly for most golfers are A. Bromley-Davenport and J. Graham. Their names have suddenly come out of the blue.

Graham is the son of Alan Graham, the Hoylake golfer, and is a nephew of the famous Jack Graham who played for Scotland; and Bromley-Davenport is the Cheshire player who took Robert Sweeny, the Amateur Champion, to the nineteenth hole in the fourth round at Sandwich last year. The selectors must have had persuasive information in both cases, for their own knowledge apart, they have had the considered guidance of the four National Unions. Graham's scoring over Hoylake last year was a topic beyond the limits of the Royal Liverpool clubhouse.

Of the others who have received the selectors' invitation, Kyle and Gent figured little in general speculation. Both are well-known Yorkshire golfers, and have done well in the county championship, which Gent has won twice, including last year, and in which Kyle has been three times runner-up. Kyle, who is a Border Scot, has not played in the home internationals, but Gent played for England against Ireland in 1930.

YOUTH GETS A CHANCE

Youth has been justifiably recruited in several instances. Hector



LITTLE CHANCE OF TOKYO OLYMPIAD

film distribution side of the cinema trade in Cardiff, and is 24.

HAMILTON'S RECOGNITION

Scottish golfers will be in no way surprised that E. D. Hamilton receives his first recognition. The little Ralston golfer could not have been passed over on his record of the past two seasons alone, when he won the Scottish Union's title, and went to the semi-final in its defence last year, and played exceedingly well in the Union's internationals.

Peters and Jamieson are worthy selections, and the latter, though not so prominent in events as formerly, has been playing first-class golf in the past two seasons.

Pennink, as the English Champion, was never in doubt, and Stowe, who is a mines official in Staffordshire, was equally entitled to his provisional place, for he was an Amateur Championship semi-finalist last year, and defeated Peters in both that event and in the home internationals. Ewing is the Irish giant, and long-hitter, who was in the team two years ago; and Crawley, who was brought in as deputy for Munn at St. Andrews four years ago, has brought himself back as English Championship finalist last year.

THE CHOICE OF CAPTAIN

Some years ago Beck was regarded in some quarters as the best

Tokyo. To-day.

That the chances of the Olympic Games of 1940 being held in Japan are decreasing rapidly, is the general impression in informed circles here.

When the question was brought up in Parliament yesterday, there was an obvious attempt on the part of the Government to avoid committing itself, and it is commonly believed that whether or not Japan will attempt to organise the festival, depends on the duration of the Sino-Japanese conflict.

Preparations have at the present time been reduced to a minimum or have ceased altogether.

The opinion prevails in the War Ministry that in view of mobilisation of the entire nation, and in view of the possible lengthy duration of the war, the festival could at all events be carried out only on a most modest scale. — Trans-Ocean.

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ENGLAND'S TEST SELECTORS

EIGHT-BALL OVER TO BE TRIED

London, To-day.

The Test selectors to choose the teams to meet Australia in the 1938 series will comprise Sir Pelham Warner (Chairman), (Middlesex), P. A. Parrin (Essex), A. B. Sellars (Yorkshire) and M. J. Turnbull (Glamorgan).

The Board of Cricket Control has approved of the eightball over being tried in the 1938 season, and the West Indies will be asked to agree to play their matches under it during that season.—Reuter.

ARMY TEAM FOR LAI WAH CUP

The following have been selected to represent the Army versus Chinese in the Lai Wah Cup. Match to be played at the Navy ground, Causeway Bay on Sunday, 13th March, 1938.

Duncan; Watson and Sheehan; Freshwater, Bright and Proctor; Grogan, McGuigan, Pearson, Saw and Calver.

Reserve:—Fraser, Fisher-Cooke, Alsey, Hossack and Percival.

CLUB HOCKEY GAME FOR

TO-DAY CANCELLED

Due to the prevailing weather conditions, the Hong Kong Hockey Club's fixture to-day, against a representative Scotland side, has been cancelled.

FEATHERWEIGHT HOLDER CHALLENGES FOR THE WELTERWEIGHT TITLE!

Barney Ross To Meet Henry Armstrong On May 26

New York, To-day.—Promoter Mike Jacobs, announced yesterday that Barney Ross would defend his world welterweight boxing title against the Challenge of Henry Armstrong, the present holder of the world featherweight title, in a 15 round contest on May 26.—Reuter.

WEEK-END FOOTBALL PROGRAMME

The following are the football fixtures for the week end:

SATURDAY

First Division

Kowloon v South China "B" (Kowloon, 4.30 p.m.).

Referee:—Kossick.

Linesmen:—Demmee and Sutterley. South China "A" v Club (Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.).

Referee:—Sidebottom.

Linesmen:—Barretto and Savage.

St. Joseph's v Seaforts (Causeway Bay, 4.30 p.m.).

Referee:—Ottaway.

Linesmen:—Sharpe and Whittle.

Middlesex v Police (Sookumpoo, 4.30 p.m.).

Referee:—Grant.

Linesmen:—Fraser and McLaughlin.

Kowloon Chinese v Eastern (Club, 4.30 p.m.).

Referee:—Martin.

Linesmen:—Banner and Smith F. W.

Second Division

Kwong Wah v 5th A.A. Bde R.A. (Kowloon, 3 p.m.).

Referee:—Rees.

S. China v Club (Caroline Hill, 3 p.m.).

Referee:—Silva.

Middlesex v Kowloon (Sookumpoo, 3 p.m.).

Referee:—Farr.

Eastern v Engineers (C.) (St. Joseph's 3 p.m.).

Referee:—Salter.

Engineers (E.) v Police (Military H. V. 3 p.m.).

Referee:—Dove.

SUNDAY

Lai Wah Cup Final

Chinese v Army (Causeway Bay, 4 p.m.).

Referee:—Smyth.

Linesmen:—Goss and Lawrence.



INTERPORT LAWN BOWLS FOR COLONY

The first meeting of the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association this year, was held yesterday.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. B. Hosking, said he had informed the Shanghai Bowls Association that the Interport for last year had not been cancelled, but postponed, and that Hong Kong would entertain them this year.

The date of the annual meeting was fixed for March 24.

A recommendation that \$50 be granted to the Children's Playground Association will be placed before the meeting for approval.

A copy of the latest revised rules has been received from the International Bowls Board. Copies will be made and distributed to clubs.

I was pleased to see Mrs. Mackay, Seaforts' Ladies' full back, in action once more in the Brown Cup hockey competition. She played against Recreio and gave an extraordinarily fine performance. It will be recalled that she was injured following her game against St. Andrews.

A notable absentee from the Colony tennis championships this year is A. E. P. Guest, ranked No. 2 at Kowloon Cricket Club. Guest has been too busy with his hockey to get in sufficient practice at tennis.

On his form against J. L. Anderson, in the Colony Singles Badminton Championship, C. An is likely to challenge very strongly for the title. He has a sound knowledge of the game and is very fast in covering court.

— take an HK

Recreio Surpass Expectations

Convincing Win Over 'Varsity

CARVALHO SILVA SUCCESSFUL IN ALL THREE GAMES

HUI AND YONG BEST LOSERS

(By "ADREM")

MOST followers of the game thought that Recreio, on their own court, had more than an even chance of beating University "A," in their return "A" Division League Badminton tie, which was played at Club de Recreio last night. Few, however, whatever their views on the capabilities of the Portuguese on their own territory, thought that they would score as clear-cut a victory as they did.

ACTUALLY, I FELT THAT THE MATCH WAS WON AND LOST AFTER THE OPENING GAME OF THE EVENING WHEN L. A. CARVALHO AND A. M. SILVA, PLAYING SUPERLATIVE BADMINTON, COMPLETELY OUTPLAYED P. K. HUI AND K. L. YONG, WITHOUT ANY SHADOW OF DOUBT, THE MOST POWERFUL UNDERGRADUATE PAIRING.

There after Oliveira and Remedios beat T. F. Yong and K. S. Liew by 24-21 after leading at one period by 19-11, and Dick Alves and H. A. Barros were within an ace of beating C. O. and C. K. Lee and only went down after a dour struggle.

Apart from the first game, which made a splendid curtain-raiser, the other two were very disappointing, both sides being overawed by the occasion and in making numerous errors, never revealed anything like the standard to be expected from two of the finest teams in the Colony.

CONVINCING START BUT—!

Starting the second round a game in arrears, Hui and Yong commenced so convincingly, literally smashing Oliveira and Remedios off the court, that Recreio stock dropped immediately by about 50 per cent.

Judging by that game, it appeared that the University players had merely been playing themselves in, and having found their touch, there would be no stopping them.

Then came the surprise of the evening. Alves and Barros who, in their first game had given no indication of offering anything like serious opposition, were down 14-18 against T. F. Yong and Liew and to all intents and purposes were in for another beating.

AMAZING RECOVERY

Undaunted by the situation, the Recreio players pulled out their very best form. Alves retrieved everything, while Barros smashed fiercely from all angles. Liew and Yong became over-anxious, their opponents became more and more confident, and Alves and Barros went out without another University ace being registered.

After that there was no more doubt in my mind that Recreio would win. Carvalho and Silva won all their games to clinch the match at the eighth game, and Oliveira and Remedios rubbed it in still further when they toyed with the Lees in the last game of the evening, to make the final tally 6-3.

SILVA'S UNCANNY DISPLAY

P. K. Hui's brilliance not withstanding, full marks for the finest display of the evening must go to A. M. Silva for his really uncanny work at the net. The manner in which he retrieved the most powerful smashes straight at him and the smashing of Barros in

THREE TEAMS JOINT BADMINTON LEADERS

As the result of their "A" Division Badminton victory over University "A" last night, Recreio are now bracketed with University "A" and Chinese Y.M.C.A. at the head of the League table.

Mr. A. L. Fisher, Hon. Secretary of the Hong Kong Badminton Association, stated this morning that it was probable that a three-cornered play-off between these teams would be played. A meeting will be held to-night to discuss the matter.

turned them to his own account, his cleverly angled drop-shots, his severity on anything a few inches higher than it should have been over the net, made matters comparatively easy for his partner, L. A. Carvalho, whose powerful smashing invariably completed the discomfiture which Silva's scheming initiated.

Both players were virtually impossible to beat by orthodox methods. They retrieved everything, and, as the result of their perfect understanding, were rarely if ever caught out of position.

UNCONVINCING

Oliveira and Remedios although they won their first game were not convincing. They never had a chance in their second, so well did Hui and Yong play, but in their third, relieved of nervous strain, they were invincible. Remedios brought into play his wide repertoire of angled drops, and Oliveira also did just as he pleased.

Full credit must go to Alves and Barros. Their solitary victory was secured as the result of really first-class badminton in the most thrilling game of the evening. The smashing of Barros in

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game will go down as one of the highlights of the evening.

For the University, Hui and Yong, after that shaky start never looked like being beaten. Their strength lay in their speed about court, their hard driving and devastating smashing. They appeared quite unstoppable in their last two encounters.

POOR UNDERSTANDING

Of the rest, despite several nice strokes which they all had at their disposal, it was their poor understanding that let them down. It struck me as quite remarkable that players of their experience and calibre should have, in the time they have been playing together, not worked up a far better combination were this.

An unfortunate feature of the whole game was the numerous infringements of the most elementary laws made by several members of both teams. One offender was Carvalho who almost

serving. A strict umpire would have pulled him up times without number.

NUMEROUS INFRINGEMENTS

There was also a good deal of movement prior to the shuttle being struck when receiving service, and a good many double hits were allowed to pass without penalty.

HOW THE GAMES WENT

L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva	beat P. K. Hui and K. L. Yong	21-11
M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios	beat T. F. Yong and K. S. Liew	24-21
H. A. Barros and H. A. Alves	lost to C. O. and C. K. Lee	21-24
Oliveira and Remedios	lost to Hui and Yong	19-21
Barros and Alves	beat Yong and Liew	21-16
Carvalho and Silva	beat Lee and Lee	21-12
Alves and Barros	lost to Hui and Yong	15-21
Carvalho and Silva	beat Yong and Lee	21-16
Alves and Silva	beat Lee and Lee	21-18

Spanish Symphony
Huberman And
Vienna Philharmonic

12.00-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Compositions of Franz Lehar.
Love's Melody (From the film). Look And Love (Film 'Love's Melody').
Marta Eggerth (Soprano).
"Paganini"—Vocal Gems.
Light Opera Company.
Stay With Me For Ever.
My Lips Are Made For Kissing.
Marek Weber and His Orchestra.
Loveliest Of Women (From 'Guitta').
Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra.
"The Merry Widow"—Waltz.
"Count Of Luxembourg"—Waltz.
Marek Weber and His Orchestra.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Sam Browne (Baritone) and Geraldo and His Orchestra.
Evergreen—Film Theme Songs Selection.
Geraldo and His Sweet Music.
The Star And The Rose (Young and Schwartz).
If I had Rhythm In My Nursery Rhymes (Lunceford and Chapman).
Sam Browne with The Rhythm Sisters.
La Violetera (From 'City Lights') (Willemetz, Granier and Padilla).
El Relicario (Padilla).
Geraldo's Gaucho Tango Orchestra.
Careless Rapture—Selection (Novello, Hassall).

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

An Unbalanced Hand

"Dear Mr. Culbertson: I am sending you a hand from last night's duplicate game. Considering that it was the only hand during the entire evening that I really enjoyed [which is just another way of saying that it was the only hand that returned me a good score], you will pardon me, I know, for doing some mild gloating. The hand contains some good points. I believe, as well as an amusing side. "East, dealer.
"Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
S.—A 10 6 2
H.—J 5
D.—J 10
C.—Q J 8 7 4

WEST EAST
S.—K J 5 S.—Q 8
H.—A 9 7 3 2 H.—6
D.—S 6 3 D.—A Q 9 5 4 2
C.—K 5 C.—A 10 3 2

SOUTH
S.—9 7 4 3
H.—K Q 10 8 4
D.—K 7
C.—9 6

"The bidding:
East South West North
1 diamond 1 heart Double Pass
Pass Pass

"I was South. I realized that my heart overcall was pretty weak and felt far from happy when I heard West promptly, and somewhat emphatically, double. I felt better when East hesitated perceptibly before he left the double in, and considerably better when I saw the dummy.

"West opened the eight of diamonds. East won with the ace and returned a heart. I ducked and West, who obviously thought that his partner wanted to prevent diamond ruffs, went up with the heart ace and returned a heart. Dummy's jack won, East discarding a diamond. I reentered my hand with the diamond king and led a club. West hopped up and, apparently deciding that he would like to ruff a club, returned the five spot. Dummy

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Geraldo and His Orchestra
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Lalo—Symphonie Espagnole for Violin and Orchestra. Played by Bronislaw Huberman (Violin) and the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Georg Szell.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
5.00-7.00 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7.00 p.m.—Variety Items.
Organ w. Violin—
Serenade (Moussorgsky).
Song Of Paradise (King).
Reginald Foort At the B.B.C. Theatre Organ and Alfredo Campoli (Violin).
Dance Orch.—
It's The Natural Thing To Do—Fox Trot (From 'Double or Nothing').
Say "Si, Si"—Rumba.
Harry Roy and His Orchestra.
7.12 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Take Your Choice. A Weekly Entertainment Feature presented by William MacLurg.
"Introduction"—The Singers with the Orchestra.
The Strange Adventures of Hemlock Shears' by the Meliush Brothers.
No. 3—"The Queer Case of Her Ladyship's Mug".
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friends, Terence O'Malley and Jeremiah, and the sinister character, Mr. Sitani.
"Yours Sincerely"—The Orchestra.

7.45 p.m.—London Relay—"Songs Of The Seasons". No. 2—"Summer". Ten minutes summer-time music with Janet Lind, Bernard Clifton, The Three Graces, and The Band Presented by William MacLurg.

7.55 p.m.—Dance Music.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Studio Song Recital by Anna Lovisoff (Soprano) accompanied by Nura Kanis.
1. Aria Kumi—(From the opera 'Charodeika'—Tchaikovsky).
2. Kolibelnaya—(From the opera 'Sadko'—Rimsky-Korsakov).
3. Tzvetili—(Orlova).
4. Travoushka—(Fomin).

8.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Golden Rose". A Musical Play. Book by Heinrik Ege, based on an idea by Annette Mills. A Section of the BBC Men's Chorus and the BBC Variety Orchestra. Conducted by Mark H. Lubbock. Production by Archie Campbell. Music and lyrics by Annette Mills.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.50 p.m.—Songs by Richard Tauber (Tenor).
Simple Little Melody (From, 'Land Without Music')—Oscar Strauss—Clifford Grey.

Smile for Me (From, 'Land Without Music')—Oscar Strauss—Clifford Grey.

Heaven In A Song (From, 'Land Without Music')—Oscar Strauss—Clifford Grey.

10.00 p.m.—Egon Petri at the Piano—Concert Study In D. Flat Major (Liszt).
Indisches Tagebuch (Busoni).

10.12 p.m.—Elgar—Symphony No. 1 in A Flat Major, Op. 55. Played by London Symphony Orchestra Conductor by Sir Edward Elgar.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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7.00 a.m.—Big Ben. The BBC Empire Orchestra.

7.50 a.m.—Talk, 'America Speaks'—3. A series of talks broadcast from the U.S.A. to the British Empire.

8.10 a.m.—Take your Choice.

8.40 a.m.—'Songs of the Seasons'—2: Summer.

8.50 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 9.00 a.m.

9.15 a.m.—Close Down.

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GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)

10.45 a.m.—Big Ben. 'The Microphone at Large,' with S. P. B. Mais: A Visit to Woobley, Herefordshire.

11.15 a.m.—Take your Choice.

11.45 a.m.—'Songs of the Seasons'—2: Summer.

11.55 a.m.—The Chamber Music of Grieg.

12.30 p.m.—'Golden Rose' A musical play.

1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.

1.55 p.m.—Close Down.

TRANSMISSION 3

Frequencies—

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GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)

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GSJ (to 3.30 p.m.) 21.53 Mc/s

1.55 p.m.—Opening Announcements.

2.00 p.m.—Big Ben. The BBC Scottish Orchestra.

2.45 p.m.—'The Old Man' A short story read by the author, Holloway Horn.

3.00 p.m.—'Palace of Varieties,' with George Robey.

4.00 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.

4.20 p.m.—Pianoforte Recital by Clifford Curzon.

4.40 p.m.—'World Affairs.'

5.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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AT THE STAR—"Draegerman Courage," with Jean Muir, Barton MacLane, Helen Mackellar, and Gordon Oliver. A melodrama of human daring which takes place in the depths of a mine where a number of men are entombed. It reveals the hates and loves, their successes and failures in the lives of miners.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"Mountain Justice." A gripping drama of fantastical mountain folk who combine an intensive study of the Bible with child marriages and an occasional murder. It features Josephine Hutchinson, George Brent, Guy Kibbee, Mona Barrie, George Barrat and Robert McWade.

AT THE QUEEN'S—"Ever Since Eve"—Marion Davies, Robert Montgomery, Patsy Kelly, Frank McHugh, Louise Fazenda and Carol Hughes in smart comedy-romance.

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Secretary.

Hong Kong, 7th March, 1938.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Sixty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on TUESDAY, the 29th March, 1938, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1937.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to the 29th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Managers,
The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hong Kong, March 7th, 1938.

HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of the Company, 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on Monday, 28th March, 1938, at Noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1937.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from 12th to 28th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COCK,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 3rd March, 1938.

COMPANY MEETINGS

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-ninth Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, 10th March 1938, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1937 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 26th February to 10th March 1938, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.
Agents.

Hong Kong, 18th Feb., 1938.

THE HONG KONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, the 11th March, 1938, AT 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1937.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 4th March 1938, to Friday, the 11th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 21st February, 1938.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 22nd MARCH, 1938, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st OCTOBER, 1937.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 12th MARCH, 1938, to TUESDAY, the 22nd MARCH, 1938, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hong Kong, 4th March, 1938.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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CAME ON FORGED PASSPORT IN SEARCH OF WIFE

Haskel P. Lavit, 32, a Russian, residing at the European Y.M.C.A., was this morning charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy with possession of a forged Estonian passport and with entering the Colony without a valid passport.

Defendant asked that a lenient view be taken. He had been cheated by friends in Shanghai and separated from his wife by the war. He obtained the passport and knew it was a forgery but was most anxious and desperate to meet his wife. He arrived here in the Taksang but was told when he booked passage that it was going straight to Canton. On arrival here, he was informed that his wife was now in Manila. He was willing to return to Shanghai and was able to pay his own passage.

It is believed that the information given by defendant to the Police will enable them to trace the source of forged passports, of which according to Sergeant Russell, there are quite a number about. Defendant had obtained the Shanghai British Consul's transit visa on the passport.

An expulsion order was made.

U.S. TAX BILL

Washington, To-day. The House has approved the clauses of the Tax Bill providing for changes in the present Corporate Undistributed Profits and Capital Gains Tax.

The President has signed the Bill to maintain the full capital of the Commodity Credit Corporation at U.S.\$100,000,000.—Reuter.

TELEPHONE CO. COMPLAIN OF ORDINANCE RESTRICTIONS

Complaint against "unnecessary exacting interpretations" of the Telephone Ordinance regarding the finances of the Hong Kong Telephone Company were voiced by Mr. A. L. Shields, Chairman, at the annual meeting of the shareholders, held at Exchange Building to-day.

The chairman said:—

Signs were not lacking in the earlier part of 1937 of a gradually increasing demand for telephone service and this upward trend became accentuated during the latter part of the year by reason of developments in the Far Eastern situation. It is impossible to forecast what the future holds, but your Directors are not unaware that gains in lines obtained under the abnormal conditions now existing, are not necessarily of a permanent nature and, as far as is practicable, are endeavouring to shape your Company's policy accordingly.

HEAVY TYPHOON DAMAGE

The balance from Working Account is some \$30,000 lower than that for the preceding year and is accounted for mostly by certain items of a non-recurring nature, including more than usually heavy repairs made necessary by damage to plant occasioned by the severe typhoon of September last. Revenue from Interest, Dividends and Exchange is shown at \$148,070.21 and represents an increase of approximately \$20,000 over the corresponding figure for the year 1936.

I would direct your attention to the fact that Investments that show a depreciation of \$356,218.65 on cost. This works out at just over 9.5 per cent. and I venture to suggest that you will consider the position to be not unsatisfactory having regard to the conditions which prevailed during the period under review. As you are aware market values have improved.

ed since the 31st December last with the result that your investments now show a depreciation of 3.1 per cent. only on their original cost.

RESERVES

The necessity for an Investment Fluctuation Reserve has been referred to on several previous occasions from this Chair and, whilst it has not yet been found possible to establish such a reserve, I can assure shareholders that the matter will continue to remain before your Board until a satisfactory solution has been reached. In this connection I would explain that the Telephone Ordinance imposes certain restrictions upon the free action of your Company in relation to the treatment of the Accounts, and whilst your Directors are not averse to any form of reasonable control, they cannot favourably regard unnecessarily exacting interpretations of certain sections which result in the enforcement of a policy that might be regarded as running counter not only to the best interests of your Company but to the course which ordinary business prudence demands.

It is hardly necessary for me to remark on the changed conditions in this Colony since the Telephone Ordinance was framed in 1925, or to stress the necessity for a revision of its enactments in order to bring them into line with existing conditions, thus eliminating anomalies which the factors of time and expansion have made apparent.

It might be appropriate here to record the fact that no increases in subscription rates have taken place over a period of nine years and it is perhaps not sufficiently appreciated by subscribers that this stability in the existing low rate level has only been achieved by the development of subsidiary sources of revenue.

TRUNK LINE

As an illustration I might quote the Trunk Line to Canton, which has contributed materially to your operating income and has played its part in subsidising local telephone rates. The same can be said of other work normally outwith the sphere of an operating Company, obtained largely on the initiative of your staff, and gladly undertaken by your Company in the full knowledge that the profits accruing therefrom would be utilised solely to maintain rates of subscription already at a low level, without any direct benefit to shareholders. It would be unreasonable to expect, however, that your Company should continue to display its customary initiative and enterprise along the lines just mentioned without prospect of some suitable reward for the additional work involved.

The year under review has witnessed a remarkable extension of Trunk Line facilities to an increasing number of Cities in China, although communication with places in the North, notably Shanghai, has been interrupted. The necessity for a trunk telephone network throughout China has never been more evident than it is today and the rapid developments which have recently taken place in that direction augur well for the future. I think it fitting, before leaving this subject, to pay tribute to the meritorious work performed by the Chinese Telephone Administration in maintaining communications under extremely difficult circumstances.

SECONDER'S SPEECH

Mr. Le Tse-Fong said:—It is with pleasure that I rise to second the adoption of the Report and Accounts. The results of the year's working are eminently satisfactory. Shareholders will, I am confident, wish me to congratulate the Directorate and Management on the excellent results achieved and to extend a special word of thanks to the staff of all trades whose keen interest in the welfare of our Company has contributed so largely to the maintenance of the high standard of telephone service to which we have become accustomed in Hong Kong.

Your explanations, Mr. Chairman, of the restrictive effect of the Telephone Ordinance are instructive and afford shareholders a fuller realization of the difficulties which must confront our Administration in determining the Company's future policy, encumbered as they must be by a rigid system of financial control which, when designed twelve years ago, may have been applicable to the then existing conditions, but has now become quite obsolete by reason of the almost complete transformation which has occurred and which obviously could not have been predicted at that time.

Adoption of the accounts was un-

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tained but I suppose youth must be served."

Lord Tennyson, who appears remarkably active and whose appearance quite belies his 48 Summers, said that as reported, he had retired from first-class cricket although he still intended to play Club cricket.

animously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall and Mr. J. Scott Harston were re-elected to the Board of Directors.

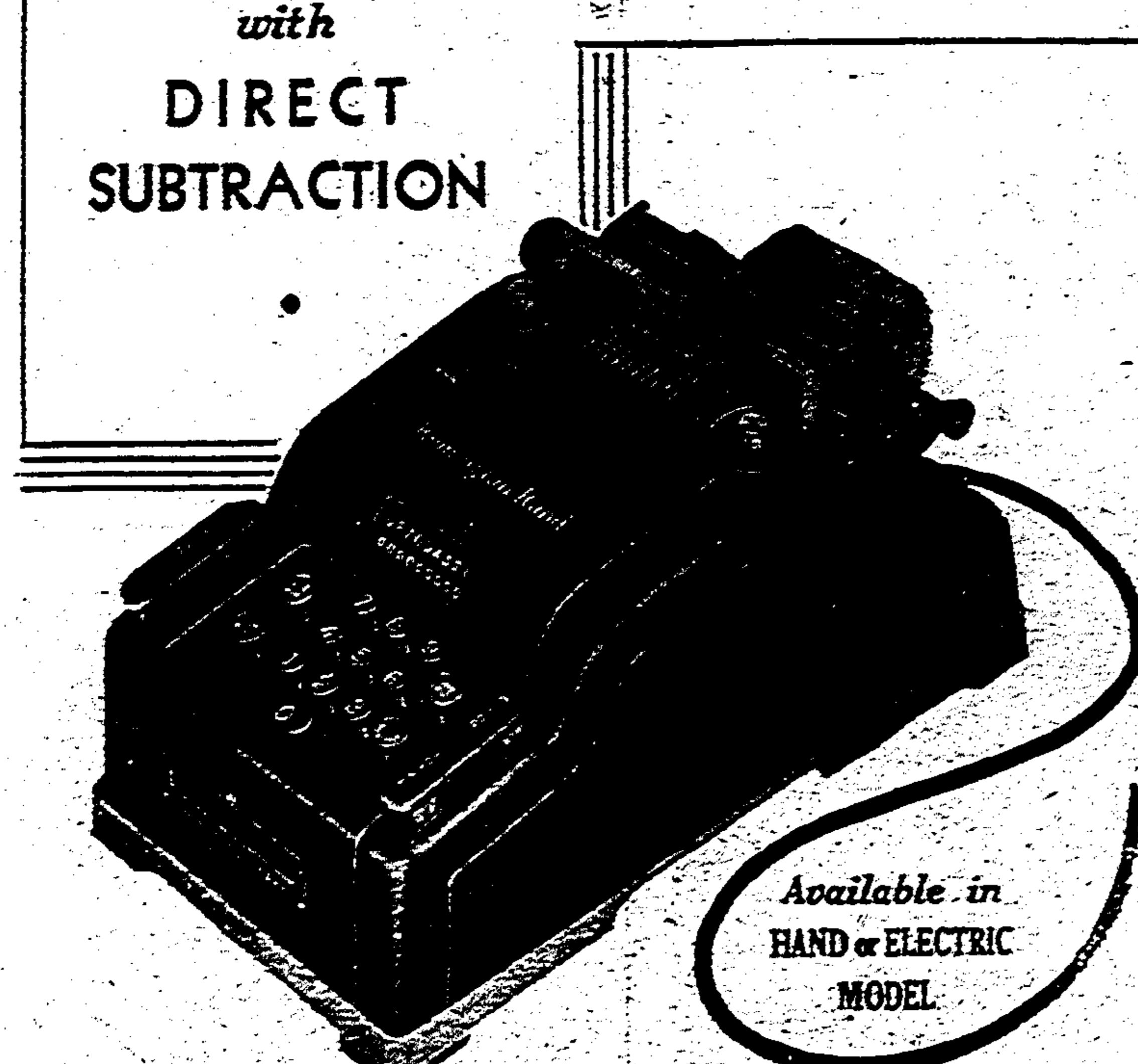
Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected as Auditors to the Company.

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